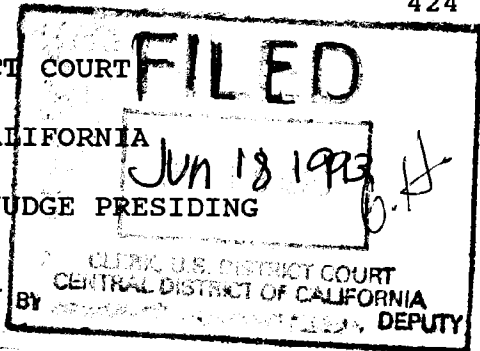


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1 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1992

2 (9:30 A.M.)

3 (Jury in.)

4 MICHAEL MALONE, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, PREVIOUSLY SWORN

5 THE COURT: Counsel, did you have some questions
6 for this witness?

7 MR. RUBIN: I wanted to address the Court first.

8 THE COURT: Just a moment. Good morning.

9 THE COURTROOM: Good morning, Your Honor.

10 MR. CARLTON: Just for the record, Your Honor, the
11 parties have stipulated that small photographs of the
12 various comparison charts that Mr. Malone testified to
13 yesterday could be placed on Exhibits 81 and 82, and each
14 of these charts is connected by a line to the location
15 where the questioned item depicted on the chart was
16 located.

17 THE COURT: Very well. You may cross-examine this
18 witness.

19 MR. RUBIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

20 CROSS-EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. RUBIN:

22 Q Agent Malone, how long did it take you to do all the
23 vacuum sweepings in the house there at --

24 THE COURT: Just a moment. I've received this
25 note, and I want you to understand that you cannot discuss

1 this case at any time, even when you are all present, until
2 it's over with and has been submitted to you. There should
3 be no discussion whatsoever about the case.

4 I clarify that because one of the jurors has asked
5 me to do so. The case is not to be discussed among
6 yourselves at any time until after it has been submitted to
7 you.

8 MR. RUBIN May I proceed, Your Honor?

9 THE COURT: Yes.

10 BY MR. RUBIN:

11 Q Agent Malone, about how long did it take you to do all
12 the sweepings at 881 Lope de Vega?

13 A The two rooms that I myself swept were the guest house
14 and Bedroom Number 6. It took about an hour to do the
15 guest house, and about a half an hour to do Bedroom
16 Number 6 because it is a much smaller rug.

17 Q And do you know how long it took to do the other
18 remaining rooms by the other agents?

19 A I wasn't there.

20 Q Do I understand correctly that the sweeping of these
21 rooms is a very careful and precise process where you have
22 to go slowly to make sure you pick up every possible piece
23 of evidence that you can?

24 A That is correct, yes.

25 Q And you did it in that very painstaking manner?

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q Now, was that also the same kind of procedure that you
3 used for the two cars that were swept?

4 A Exactly.

5 Q Now, turning to the car, the Grand Marquis, were you
6 able to identify any hairs of Humberto Alvarez-Machain in
7 that car?

8 A No, there were none.

9 Q In the VW Atlantic, were you able to identify any
10 hairs of Humberto Alvarez-Machain in that car?

11 A No, there were none.

12 Q In Room 4, Bedroom 4, there were found the hairs of
13 Enrique Camarena?

14 A That is correct.

15 Q In Bedroom 4, did you find any hairs of Dr. Machain?

16 A There were none.

17 Q In Room 3 you also found hairs of Enrique Camarena?

18 A No. The guest house and Bedroom 4 were the two rooms.

19 Q Okay. In the guest house, you found hairs of Enrique
20 Camarena?

21 A Yes, I did.

22 Q Did you find any hairs of Dr. Machain in the guest
23 house?

24 A There were none.

25 Q In fact, isn't it true, that nowhere in the house,

1 after all this searching and sweeping, did you find a
2 single hair of Dr. Alvarez-Machain?

3 A That is correct.

4 Q Now, turning to the bathroom in the guest house where
5 the syringe was located, you indicated that it had -- had
6 it appeared to you that it had been cleaned?

7 THE COURT: What, the syringe or the --

8 MR. RUBIN: Oh, excuse me.

9 BY MR. RUBIN:

10 Q The bathroom?

11 A The walls had been cleaned. The walls of the shower
12 had been cleaned up to a height of about six,
13 six-and-a-half feet, and then the remaining foot,
14 foot-and-a-half, was dirty again. So the shower was the
15 only place that was really cleaned.

16 Q What about the floor? Did it appear to be washed or
17 cleaned?

18 A The floor of the shower, but not the rest of the --

19 Q Not the rest of the bathroom?

20 A Correct.

21 Q Did you find any hairs in the bathroom of the guest
22 house of anybody?

23 A I found a few, I believe.

24 Q Were you able to identify those hairs?

25 A I did not associate anybody to those hairs, no.

1 Q The syringe that you found was lying opened and
2 exposed and easily visible for you to see?

3 A Yes. Very visible.

4 Q And there was also a piece of paper in the bathroom?

5 A Yes. There was some miscellaneous items, mostly
6 papers, and the syringe.

7 Q Any other physical objects besides the syringe and
8 some paper?

9 A No.

10 Q Was there a medicine cabinet in the bathroom?

11 A I don't believe so, no.

12 Q And just to be clear, I take it then that you didn't
13 find or see any kind of medicine vials of any kind in the
14 bathroom?

15 A No, there were none.

16 Q When we talk about the syringe, the syringe you found
17 didn't have the needle section attached to it, did it?

18 A That is correct.

19 Q It just had the plastic part where the medicine is
20 held?

21 A Yes. Just the syringe itself.

22 Q Okay. Was the plunger still in the -- I'm not sure
23 I'm using the right word, plunger, but the part that you
24 press down to move the medicine or drug forward, was that
25 still in the plastic syringe?

1 A I can't recall right now.

2 Q Could you look at Government's Exhibit 57.

3 THE COURT: It's not necessary, Counsel. If the
4 exhibit's in evidence, it's not necessary for the witness
5 to tell us what it looks like.

6 BY MR. RUBIN:

7 Q You found some fibers, carpet fibers on Camarena's
8 body?

9 A Two different types, yes.

10 Q Okay. Were you ever able to match up those carpet
11 fibers with any carpet that was located in Dr. Machain's
12 office or his home?

13 A I was never sent any from his office or home.

14 Q So there is no match in that respect, is there?

15 A That is correct.

16 MR. RUBIN: No further questions. Thank you.

17 THE COURT: Do you have any further questions for
18 this witness?

19 MR. CARLTON: Just a couple, Your Honor.

20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. CARLTON:

22 Q Agent Malone, are you familiar with scientific studies
23 concerning the rate at which people lose their hair?

24 A Yes, I am.

25 Q And as a general rule, what is that rate?

1 A The rate of hair loss is about a hundred hairs a day,
2 but, of course, that includes your entire body. Nobody
3 broke it down into head hairs, pubic hairs, whatever, and
4 it's only a problem if you are not putting them back.

5 Q Does that vary from person-to-person?

6 A It's pretty constant.

7 Q Is it possible then that someone could be in a
8 location for some period of time and not lose any hairs at
9 all?

10 A Oh, it's possible.

11 MR. CARLTON: Nothing further.

12 MR. RUBIN: I have some questions about that.

13 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. RUBIN:

15 Q Agent Malone, would it be fair to say then that the
16 less period of time that somebody stayed in a particular
17 location the less likely that they are to drop hair in that
18 spot; correct?

19 A Yes. Yes.

20 Q So if somebody was there very, very briefly, you may
21 find no hairs there?

22 A That is correct.

23 Q And if somebody was there for a longer period of time,
24 a day or a day-and-a-half continuously, it's far more
25 likely that there would be hairs in that location; correct?

1 A Let's just say it would be more likely.

2 MR. RUBIN: Thank you. No further questions.

3 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. CARLTON:

5 Q Agent Malone, have studies been done on the
6 transference of hairs from one object to another?

7 A Yes, many studies.

8 Q Is it possible, based on the results of these studies,
9 that hairs that might have been deposited in one place
10 could stick to something and be transferred somewhere else?

11 A Yes. This is called a secondary indirect transfer.

12 MR. CARLTON: Nothing further.

13 THE COURT: All right, sir. You may step down.

14 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 (Witness excused.)

16 THE COURT: Next witness, please.

17 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, the government calls
18 Guadalupe Gamez.

19 (Witness summoned to courtroom.)

20 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

21 PAUL FERNANDEZ, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

24 State your full name for the record and spell your
25 last name.

1 THE WITNESS: Paul Fernandez.

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. CARLTON:

4 Q Mr. Fernandez, do you work for the Drug Enforcement
5 Administration?

6 A Yes.

7 THE COURT: Just a moment. Did you say this
8 witness' name was Gamez?

9 MR. CARLTON: Well, I was going to elaborate on
10 that at this point, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 BY MR. CARLTON:

13 Q Do you use the name Guadalupe Gamez?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Do you use that name in the course of your work with
16 the Drug Enforcement Administration?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And in what capacity do you work for the Drug
19 Enforcement Administration?

20 A As an informant.

21 Q And how long have you been doing that?

22 A Eleven years.

23 Q In the course of your work as an informant for the
24 D.E.A., have you been paid?

25 A Yes.

1 Q How many investigations have you worked on?

2 A Over a hundred.

3 Q Did you work on an investigation involving an
4 individual named Manuel Chavez?

5 A Yes.

6 Q When did you first meet him?

7 A In 1983.

8 Q Was that in the course of one of these investigations?

9 A Excuse me?

10 Q Was that in the course of one of these investigations
11 for the D.E.A.?

12 A Yes.

13 Q What was your purpose in meeting him at that time?

14 A To do a heroin trade.

15 Q Were you trying to buy heroin from him or sell it to
16 him?

17 A To buy it.

18 Q Were you working with a D.E.A. agent at that time?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Was that transaction completed in 1983?

21 A No.

22 Q Now, did you meet again with Mr. Chavez in the Mexican
23 State of Zacatecas?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And at that time, what was Mr. Chavez' job?

1 A Administrator.

2 Q Administrator of what?

3 A Of the marijuana fields.

4 Q Of which marijuana fields?

5 A Of the ones in Zacatecas.

6 Q About when was this meeting, the second meeting, with
7 Mr. Chavez?

8 A September of 1983.

9 Q Now, at that time, did he offer you a job?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And did you report this information to the D.E.A.?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And at some point, did you work with D.E.A. Agent
14 Enrique Camarena on this investigation?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did Agent Camarena give you some instructions as to
17 what you should do with this job offer?

18 A Yes.

19 Q What were those instructions?

20 A To locate the ranches, and in the future to make
21 heroin purchases.

22 Q And did you accept the job?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And did you continue to work with Agent Camarena on
25 this investigation?

1 A Yes.

2 Q How long did you work for Manuel Chavez?

3 A About six months.

4 Q In this job, did you report directly to him?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Were you paid for your work?

7 A Yes.

8 Q What was the job that he offered to you and that you
9 accepted?

10 A His assistant.

11 Q What were you supposed to assist him with?

12 A To make purchases of food, to take the workers to the
13 ranches, to answer the phones.

14 Q Now, generally what was it that Manuel Chavez did?

15 A He would manage the marijuana fields, make sure that
16 the money wasn't short, and that the plantings were done
17 properly, to pay the workers.

18 Q Did he administer all of these operations?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And did he report to someone else?

21 A Yes.

22 Q To a group of people?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And who were some of those people?

25 A Rafael Caro-Quintero, Ernesto Fonseca, The Blue One,

1 Cochiloco, and Miguel Felix-Gallardo.

2 Q Were there others as well?

3 A The group was large.

4 Q How many marijuana ranches did Mr. Chavez supervise?

5 A Over 40.

6 Q Where were these located, generally?

7 A Mostly in the State of Zacatecas.

8 Q Now, did Chavez have a base of operations from which
9 he supervised all of these ranches?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Where was that?

12 A In Fresnillo, Zacatecas.

13 Q In supervising these operations, did he utilize a
14 radio system?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And where was that radio system based?

17 A At Manuel Chavez' house.

18 Q In the course of your work for Mr. Chavez, did you
19 have occasion to use this radio system?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Became familiar with it?

22 A Yes.

23 Q How many frequencies did this radio system have?

24 A Four.

25 Q And were each of these frequencies assigned to some

1 person or group of persons?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Who where they assigned to?

4 A The Federal Security Agency, the Federal Justice
5 Department, the State Judicial Police, and the Municipal
6 Police.

7 Q Did you have occasion to communicate with this radio
8 system with these various agencies?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And to receive communications from them?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Generally, what did these communications involve when
13 they were dealing with those agencies?

14 A Pardon me?

15 Q When you were dealing with those agencies on the
16 radio, what was the nature of these communications you had?

17 A How the planning was going, whether there was a
18 problem, different topics.

19 Q So they were involved in the operation also?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Now, how many persons where employed in these
22 operations, if you know?

23 A Over 500.

24 Q Where were they housed?

25 A At hotels and on the ranches.

1 Q Where were the hotels?

2 A In Fresnillo, Zacatecas.

3 Q Now, how much land was intended to be cultivated with
4 marijuana in these operations?

5 A Over 4,000 hectares.

6 Q That was the plan?

7 A Yes.

8 Q In actuality, how much was planted?

9 A During my time, about 600 hectares.

10 Q Do you know how many acres are in a hectare?

11 A Pardon me?

12 Q How many acres, if you know, are in a hectare?

13 A Yes.

14 Q How many?

15 A Two-and-a-half.

16 Q And was there any estimate as to how much marijuana
17 was going to be produced per hectare of land?

18 A By hectare or by acre?

19 Q Well, if you know, either one?

20 A There was a possibility that in some areas you could
21 produce a ton per hectare, and in other areas you could
22 possibly get a ton from two hectares.

23 Q How many workers were to be hired eventually?

24 A Over 1,500.

25 Q Now, when planting of these fields commenced, and the

1 workers were at the fields, where they allowed to leave?

2 A Only the foreman.

3 Q In the course of your work for Manuel Chavez, did you
4 learn whether these fields were protected from
5 interference?

6 A Protected what?

7 Q Were you involved in making any pay-offs to law
8 enforcement agencies in the area?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And how often where these payments made?

11 A Every 20 days or a month.

12 Q What agencies were paid?

13 A The Federal Judicial, the Federal Security Agency, the
14 Judicial Police, and the Municipal Police.

15 Q Who was the Comandante for the D.F.S. in that area?

16 A There were two.

17 Q Who where they?

18 A Nunez Aparicio and Negro Guarma (phonetic).

19 Q Did they receive payments, to your knowledge?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Who was the Comandante of the Mexican Federal Judicial
22 Police in that area?

23 A Galo Gutierrez.

24 Q Did he receive payments, as well, to your knowledge?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Do you know whether the military had any involvement
2 with these fields?

3 A They said that there was such involvements.

4 Q Did you ever see the military in the area?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And what where they doing?

7 A They would just be patrolling the fields.

8 Q Patrolling for what purpose, do you know?

9 A Security.

10 Q Now, why were all of these payments of money made to
11 these law enforcement agencies?

12 A So the people who had nothing to do with the fields
13 would not come in, or to avoid other gangs from coming in.

14 Q Did these agencies ever report to you that the D.E.A.
15 was in the area?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What were you told?

18 A That the D.E.A. was around there, that we should be
19 careful.

20 Q Now, in the course of your work at these fields, did
21 you ever become involved with a shipment of rifles?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Can you describe that incident?

24 A Manuel Chavez arrived at the house, and some trucks
25 arrived and a Marquis automobile with crates of rifles.

1 Q What kinds of rifles?

2 A AK-47's.

3 Q What was done with these rifles?

4 A We took them to another of Manuel's houses. And then
5 we went and delivered some others to -- some others to some
6 other people at a hotel.

7 Q Who did you deliver them to?

8 A The helpers from the Federal Security Agency.

9 Q Now, when you say the "Federal Security Agency," do
10 you know the Direccion Federal De Seguridad?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Did you ever see D.F.S. agents assisting in this
13 operation?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What would they do?

16 A They would escort us. They would go with us to
17 wherever we were going. They would make sure that nobody
18 interfered with our work.

19 Q How about Mexican Federal Judicial Police, did they
20 also assist?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And what would they do to assist?

23 A They would give us security.

24 Q And State Police, did they do the same thing?

25 A Yes, all of them.

1 Q Now, do you know an individual named -- or have you
2 seen an individual named Rafael Caro-Quintero?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Did you see him in Fresnillo?

5 A Yes.

6 Q About how many times?

7 A Two or three times.

8 Q When was the first time?

9 A In 1984, in February, around the beginning of
10 February.

11 Q Can you describe that incident?

12 A Yes. He arrived at the Del Fresno Hotel in Fresnillo,
13 Zacatecas. Manuel Chavez and I arrived. They greeted each
14 other and hugged each other. Then they went inside the
15 hotel.

16 Q Was Caro accompanied by anybody at the time?

17 A Yes.

18 Q How many people?

19 A There were quite a few.

20 Q And what was their function, do you know?

21 A They were Federals.

22 Q When was the next time you saw Caro in Fresnillo?

23 A It was about a month later.

24 Q What happened?

25 A He arrived at the La Fortuna Hotel with Commander

1 Nunez Aparicio, and left money with him and instructions.

2 Q Instructions for what?

3 A Regarding the plantings.

4 Q Did you see Caro again?

5 A Yes.

6 Q When?

7 A Around April or the beginning of May.

8 Q What was the occasion?

9 A He arrived there at Manuel Chavez' house. Delivered
10 money to them. They made plans regarding plantings, and
11 they had their meeting there.

12 Q Do you know who else was present during that meeting?

13 A The D.F.S., Galo Gutierrez, Negro Guarma, and several
14 other people.

15 Q Did you report all of this information to
16 Agent Camarena?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And at some point during the investigation, did you
19 introduce Agent Camarena to Manuel Chavez?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And was Agent Camarena using a false name?

22 A Yes.

23 Q What was that false name?

24 A Javier Quintero.

25 Q What was the purpose in your introducing Agent

1 Camarena to Manuel Chavez?

2 A To do business.

3 Q When you say "do business," what do you mean by that?

4 A Marijuana and heroin trade.

5 Q And was a heroin transaction with Chavez eventually
6 completed?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Do you recall when that was?

9 A Around April.

10 Q Of 1984?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Was the heroin delivered to Agent Camarena or to
13 someone else?

14 A To another agent.

15 Q At some point, did Agent Camarena tell you that the
16 fields were going to be raided?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And was a plan entered into with him as to how you
19 were to pursue the investigation before the raid?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What was it you were supposed to do?

22 A We were going to make a large order for marijuana, the
23 largest we could make, and try to do the same operation
24 with heroin.

25 Q How much marijuana were you trying to acquire?

1 A Ninety tons.

2 Q And who was this marijuana to be purchased from?

3 A From Manuel Chavez and Romero Morales.

4 Q You were also to try to purchase some heroin?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Who from?

7 A From Chombe Medina and Manuel Chavez.

8 Q Now, in furtherance of this investigation, did you fly
9 to Zacatecas City?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Do you recall about when that was?

12 A In May.

13 Q Early part, late part, do you know?

14 A Around the middle.

15 Q And who did you meet with in Zacatecas City?

16 A Romero Morales and Manuel Chavez.

17 Q Where did you meet with them?

18 A At the airport.

19 Q Were there any other persons at the airport when you
20 met with them?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Who where these people?

23 A They were the commanders from the Federal Judicial
24 Police and the D.F.S., and the State Judicial Police.

25 Q Did you go to inspect some marijuana?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Where was that marijuana located?

3 A At the edge of the town of the City of Zacatecas.

4 Q At a ranch or some other location?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Was anyone else present at that ranch when you viewed
7 the marijuana?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Who where those other people?

10 A The guards.

11 Q Were these guards associates or affiliated with some
12 law enforcement agency, to your knowledge?

13 A Possible.

14 Q From there did you go to inspect an air strip?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And eventually did you meet with Agent Camarena again?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Did you and Agent Camarena talk with Manuel Chavez by
19 telephone?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And did you discuss with him buying some heroin?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Did you go into Mexico to meet with Manuel Chavez for
24 that purpose?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Was he to accompany you back into the United States to
2 deliver the heroin to Agent Camarena?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Was he able to do that?

5 A No.

6 Q Did he give the heroin to you?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Did you deliver it to Agent Camarena?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Did you ever see him, Agent Camarena, again?

11 A No.

12 MR. CARLTON: May I have just a moment, Your
13 Honor.

14 (Government counsel confer)

15 MR. CARLTON: Nothing further, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Do you wish to cross-examine the
17 witness?

18 MR. MEDVENE: I have no questions, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Do you have any questions?

20 MR. RUBIN: No questions, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: You may step down.

22 (Witness excused.)

23 THE COURT: Call the next witness.

24 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, the government calls
25 Charles Lugo.

1 (Witness summoned to courtroom.)

2 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

3 CHARLES LUGO, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

4 THE WITNESS: I do.

5 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

6 State your full name for the record and spell your
7 last name.

8 THE WITNESS: Charles, initial "A", last name
9 Lugo, L-U-G-O.

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. CARLTON:

12 Q Mr. Lugo, are you presently employed?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q By whom?

15 A The Drug Enforcement Administration.

16 Q How long have you been employed by the D.E.A.?

17 A Since 1972 with its predecessor agency.

18 Q And in the course of your employment, were you ever
19 assigned to Mexico?

20 A Yes, I was.

21 Q During what period?

22 A 1977 to 1985.

23 Q What assignments did you have down there?

24 A Primarily I was in intelligence, and for the most part
25 I was the Intelligence supervisor for D.E.A. at the United

1 States Embassy in Mexico City.

2 Q What was the objective in gathering intelligence down
3 in Mexico?

4 A To obtain information regarding the trafficking of
5 narcotics between our borders and Mexico, and locate the
6 source of supply, crops, cultivation, and identify the
7 major violators.

8 Q In the course of your work down there, did you
9 work closely with the Mexican government?

10 A I did.

11 Q With any particular agency?

12 A Yes, sir. The Mexican Federal Judicial Police.

13 Q Now drawing your attention to August of 1984, what was
14 your assignment at that time?

15 A I was assigned to manage and coordinate a project that
16 we had named Operation Vanguard.

17 Q What was Operation Vanguard?

18 A It was a program designed to verify the eradication
19 efforts of the Mexican government.

20 Q The "eradication efforts" that you refer to, what are
21 those?

22 A The destruction, eradication of marijuana and opium
23 poppy crops.

24 Q Was this part of a program in conjunction with the
25 United States?

1 A Yes, sir. It was a bilateral operation between the
2 United States and Mexico.

3 Q What was the organization of this eradication program
4 within Mexico?

5 A Within -- with regards to D.E.A., I was the
6 supervisor. I had 20 American agents, D.E.A. agents, and I
7 worked closely with the Inspector General's Office of
8 Mexico.

9 Q And the purpose in your work was to verify the efforts
10 of the Mexican eradication program?

11 A That is correct, sir.

12 Q How was the Mexican eradication program organized?

13 A That was -- worked under a department from the
14 Attorney General's Office. Their purpose was to locate,
15 verify, identify, and destroy the crops under cultivation,
16 such as marijuana and opium fields.

17 Q Who was in charge of that from the Mexican side?

18 A Under the Attorney General's Office it would be the
19 Deputy Attorney General Luis Porte Petit, and the
20 department head in charge of this particular area was Sam
21 Lopez.

22 Q And were you familiar with the resources available to
23 the Mexican eradication program?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q Generally, what were those?

1 A The American eradication program had in the excess of
2 40 helicopters, and anywhere from 15 to 26 wing aircraft.

3 Q So when the Mexico eradication program destroyed a
4 marijuana or poppy field, would they convey that
5 information to you and then you would attempt to verify it
6 with your Operation Vanguard resources?

7 A Right, sir.

8 Q When did Operation Vanguard come into being?

9 A It kicked off in October of '84.

10 Q And why was it created?

11 A Because the information we were receiving from the
12 Mexican government regarding the destruction of crops did
13 not jive with the information and intelligence that we were
14 obtaining in regards to how many crops were being
15 destroyed.

16 Q Did you encounter any problems in the organization of
17 Operation Vanguard?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q What were those problems, generally?

20 A The manager of the Vanguard operation, the Mexico City
21 Manager, presented too many obstacles when we were trying
22 to get the program off the ground.

23 Q What were those obstacles?

24 A Mainly the principal one at the beginning was that
25 they did not have the sufficient manpower, that is, trained

1 pilots to conduct such an operation as we had.

2 Q Did you know whether that was true or not?

3 A That was incorrect.

4 Q Did you convey that information to him?

5 A I did.

6 Q What happened then?

7 A I informed him I had information regarding a list of
8 pilots, Mexican pilots, that were available to him and how
9 he could get in touch with them so that we could get this
10 operation off the ground.

11 Q And eventually did it come into operation?

12 A Well, he presented another obstacle at that particular
13 time?

14 Q What was that?

15 A Budget. They did not have the resources financially
16 to finance the program and pilot training.

17 Q Was that obstacle overcome?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q How?

20 A I advised him that through the American Embassy down
21 there and the Narcotics Assistance Unit, that we would
22 provide the funds for him to train the pilots as soon as
23 they were identified.

24 Q And then did Operation Vanguard get underway?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q All right. Now --

2 A I'm sorry, sir. Not at that particular point either.

3 Q Well, at what date did it come into effect?

4 A It finally came to a date in October, and we had a
5 problem with the aircraft.

6 Q In October of 1984, were you involved in an
7 investigation in the State of Chihuahua?

8 A In October, sir?

9 Q October 1984?

10 A No, sir.

11 Q Did you receive information at that point about
12 marijuana growing in the State of Chihuahua?

13 A I did, sir.

14 Q And where was this information obtained?

15 A Three independent sources from informants that
16 provided us information to our two domestic offices and one
17 in Mexico.

18 Q What was the nature of this information?

19 A That there were large fields of marijuana under
20 cultivation in the State of Chihuahua, with the excess of
21 maybe eight to ten thousand workers cultivating fields.

22 Q Did you attempt to corroborate this information?

23 A I did, sir.

24 Q What was done?

25 A We dispatched a couple of D.E.A. agents stationed out

1 to Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, to make contact with the
2 Mexican authorities there and solicit their cooperation in
3 verifying the information.

4 Q Was that assistance obtained?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q What did you do next?

7 A When the agents informed me -- after the agents had
8 spent three days in Chihuahua without obtaining the
9 cooperation of the Mexican government, I was informed in
10 Mexico City of this particular obstacle, and I discussed it
11 with my immediate supervisors, and we decided to contact
12 the Mexican Federal Judicial Police to solicit their
13 cooperation.

14 Q So did you, in fact, contact the M.F.J.P.?

15 A I did, sir.

16 Q Who?

17 A In the M.F.J.P.?

18 Q Yes.

19 A The Director, Manuel Ibarra.

20 Q Now, if you would please look, I believe, on the cart
21 next to you is an exhibit marked 108, or it may be in front
22 of you there.

23 A 108?

24 Q Yes.

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q Do you recognize that?

2 A I do, sir.

3 Q Who is that?

4 A That is the Director of the Mexican Federal Judicial
5 Police, Manuel Ibarra, at that particular time when I was
6 stationed in Mexico.

7 MR. CARLTON: Thank you. Move its admission, Your
8 Honor.

9 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

10 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 108 received.)

11 BY MR. CARLTON:

12 Q When was it that you met with Manuel Ibarra?

13 A It was on the night of November the 6th, 1984.

14 Q Was anyone else with you?

15 A Mr. Ed Heath, the special agent in charge of our
16 office in Mexico City, the Country Attache.

17 Q What was the subject of your discussion with Manuel
18 Ibarra at that time?

19 A To relay the information we had regarding the
20 intelligence of the fields in Chihuahua, the amount of
21 workers there, and the size of the fields, and to solicit
22 again cooperation in verifying this information, and the
23 eventual destruction of the fields.

24 Q What was his response?

25 A At first he was kind of astounded that we had this

1 type of information available. Nevertheless, he agreed to
2 cooperate.

3 Q Now, with his agreement, could you go raid the fields
4 or did you need someone else's permission to do that?

5 A We would have to get somebody else's authority.

6 Q Whose authority did you need to obtain?

7 A The Attorney General's Office of Mexico.

8 Q Did you seek to obtain that permission?

9 A On the following morning we met with the Deputy
10 Attorney General of Mexico and the director of the
11 eradication program and four to five other subordinates.

12 Q Who where they? What where their names again?

13 A The Deputy Attorney General is Luis Porte Petit, and
14 the director of the eradication program, Dr. Sam Lopez, and
15 four subordinates, which names I don't immediately recall
16 right now.

17 Q Did you communicate to these individuals the
18 information you had about marijuana growing in the State of
19 Chihuahua?

20 A I did, sir.

21 Q Did you ask them to do something?

22 A I did, sir.

23 Q What?

24 A To assist us in verifying this information and the
25 eventual destruction of the fields.

1 Q Did they agree?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q Did they pose obstacles to doing this?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q What were those obstacles?

6 A At the first point, they felt that we were
7 over-emphasizing our intelligence and somewhat exaggerating
8 the amount of people in the field, and consequently felt
9 that they should be given a little more time to verify the
10 information themselves, anywhere from seven to ten days,
11 that they would verify it and let us know.

12 Q What was your response?

13 A That our information seemed to be very concrete. We
14 also had night witness account, and therefore, we felt that
15 we had to work immediately before there was a leak, and for
16 security purposes we should act immediately.

17 Q Did they then agree to conduct these raids?

18 A No, sir.

19 Q What happened next?

20 A They stated, in effect, their information was correct,
21 that they did not have the sufficient equipment, logistics
22 to conduct such an operation.

23 Q What was your response?

24 A The logistics that they were referring to were
25 helicopters and fixed aircraft and so on and so forth. I

1 informed them that I was aware of where they could obtain
2 these helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

3 Q Did they verify that information?

4 A They did, sir.

5 Q Did they then agree to conduct these raids?

6 A No, sir.

7 Q What happened?

8 A They told me that they did not have enough fuel for
9 the airplanes and the helicopters and the agents on the
10 ground to conduct this operation.

11 Q Did you know that to be true?

12 A That's incorrect, sir.

13 Q Did you convey that information to them?

14 A I did, sir.

15 Q Did they verify your information?

16 A They did.

17 Q What happened at that point?

18 A They located the fuel that was necessary for the
19 operation.

20 Q Was an agreement then made to raid the fields?

21 A No, sir.

22 Q What happened?

23 A Now they had manpower problems.

24 Q How was that resolved?

25 A For this particular effort, it would necessitate some

1 enforcement action of which the Attorney General's Office
2 was not capable of providing. They were mostly
3 administrators of different programs, therefore, they would
4 need the manpower in the form of law enforcement personnel
5 to conduct a raid of such magnitude.

6 Q And what manpower was available?

7 A The Attorney General's Office at that particular time
8 they told me they had no manpower available.

9 Q Did you know otherwise?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And who was available?

12 A The Mexican Federal Judicial Police.

13 Q Was that made known to these individuals?

14 A I informed them that maybe they should contact the
15 director of the Judicial Police to see if he would provide
16 the manpower.

17 Q And did they do that?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q And the availability of the manpower was confirmed?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Then was an agreement made to raid the fields?

22 A It was an agreement to travel to Chihuahua City that
23 evening to discuss it and plan our strategy.

24 Q In fact, did you go to Chihuahua City that evening?

25 A I did, sir.

1 Q Who did you go with?

2 A I traveled with the -- one of the zone coordinators
3 for the eradication program, one M.F.J.P. Comandante, and
4 two other subordinates, that I don't recall, that we flew
5 to Chihuahua City, Mexico.

6 Q Who was the M.F.J.P. Comandante?

7 A We flew in a leer jet, and I don't recall who the
8 comandante was at this time.

9 Q What was the plan for raiding these fields?

10 A The plan was not put together until that evening after
11 I met with the comandante from the M.F.J.P. that was
12 dispatched there from another zone.

13 Q I see. Who was that?

14 A Comandante Miguel Aldana.

15 Q Now, had you known Miguel Aldana before this?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q When did you first meet him?

18 A Approximately 1975.

19 Q And you had worked with him during that period
20 afterwards?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q If you would look, please, at what has been marked as
23 Exhibit 109. Do you recognize that?

24 A I do, sir.

25 Q Who is that?

1 A Comandante Miguel Aldana.

2 Q What was his position at the time; do you know?

3 A He was a chief of Interpol for Mexico.

4 Q That's a position within the M.F.J.P.?

5 A Under the director of the M.F.J.P., yes, sir.

6 Q When you got to Chihuahua City, what did you do?

7 A I met with two of our D.E.A. agents there, and later
8 with another D.E.A. agent and our informant, and discussed
9 the nature of the information that he had provided.

10 Q Did you have a meeting with Aldana at some point?

11 A I did, sir.

12 Q About what time?

13 A Approximately 10:00 p.m. that night.

14 Q And did you convey to him the information you had
15 about the marijuana fields?

16 A I did.

17 Q And at that point, was the plan to raid these fields
18 developed?

19 A Right, sir.

20 Q What was the plan?

21 A We were in Chihuahua City at the time, and we checked
22 a map of the area and determined that the area in question
23 was a municipality called Bufalo, which was located
24 geographically in a triangular area, west and southwest,
25 from three towns on the main highway, and that that town

1 had mountains in the back, so we decided that we would
2 conduct a two-prong operation, by land and by air. Come in
3 from Ciudad Jimenez and in air from Hidalgo del Parral.

4 Q Do you have in front of you Exhibit 110?

5 A I do, sir.

6 Q Could you hold that up, please.

7 What does that exhibit depict?

8 A This is a map of the State of Chihuahua.

9 Q Can you indicate on there, just by pointing, if you
10 would, where the City of Chihuahua is?

11 A Right there, sir (indicating).

12 Q And generally, can you indicate what area these fields
13 where supposed to be in?

14 A I previously circled the area where the fields were
15 located.

16 Q I see. You can put it down now. Thank you.

17 Did you solicit the assistance of the army in this
18 plan?

19 A We did.

20 Q Did you meet with a representative of the army?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q When did the meeting conclude?

23 A It was shortly after midnight on that particular day,
24 which would be the night of the 7th. It would be early
25 morning of the 8th, shortly after midnight.

1 Q So one prong of this raid was to depart from Hidalgo
2 Del Parral?

3 A That would be the aircrafts.

4 Q And the other prong was to depart from Ciudad Jimenez?

5 A That is correct.

6 Q And what contingent was to leave from that area?

7 A We had the army with some representatives from the
8 Mexican Federal Judicial Police staging in Ciudad Jimenez
9 to conduct their land operation. We staged at Airport
10 Hidalgo Del Parral with his own coordinators from the
11 Attorney General's Office to conduct the overflights.

12 Q When did you arrive at Hidalgo Del Parral?

13 A Approximately 8:00, 8:30 the morning of the 8th.

14 Q Did you meet there with Comandante Aldana and the
15 representative of the Attorney General's Office?

16 A I traveled with Comandante Aldana from Chihuahua City
17 to Hidalgo Del Parral, and consequently met with the
18 representatives of the Attorney General's Office.

19 Q What were you to do when you got there?

20 A We were to advise them of our plan and our strategy,
21 and then conduct a three helicopter overflight to verify
22 the existence of the fields and confirm our information,
23 and then direct the land troops into those particular
24 areas, and then with the other helicopters provide manpower
25 support.

1 Q Now, were you to depart in these helicopters as soon
2 as possible?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Were you able to do that?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Why not?

7 A Again, I was met with several obstacles from both the
8 Comandante Aldana and the other zone coordinator.

9 Q What were these obstacles?

10 A We were actually on the field getting ready to take
11 off, and they would go back and tell me that they had to
12 make a phone call to Mexico City to talk to their
13 supervisor, and they'd come back and tell me they couldn't
14 get ahold of the supervisor, then the other would go back
15 and say, "Well, I've got to get more orders from my
16 supervisor."

17 So this went on essentially in that respect for
18 approximately two hours, where they just kept delaying that
19 they did not have the proper details as to how to further
20 the operation.

21 Q Did you get angry with them?

22 A I was upset, yes.

23 Q What did you decide to do, ultimately?

24 A I told them that I was very concerned about the D.E.A.
25 agents that had been on the ground, and consequently, if

1 anything, for security purposes, that I was going to take
2 off in the helicopter, and we decided that I would fly one
3 helicopter, the zone coordinator would fly another
4 helicopter, and the comandante would fly another
5 helicopter. Since they would not take off, I told them
6 that I was going to take off in mine because I was
7 concerned.

8 Q And is that what happened?

9 A The comandante then decided that he would leave one of
10 his subordinates to obtain information from Mexico City,
11 that he would fly with me, or rather in his helicopter.

12 Q That's Aldana?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Did the representative of the Attorney General's
15 Office fly also?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q Now, before leaving in the helicopter, did you ask
18 your pilot how much fuel you had?

19 A I did, sir.

20 Q What did he tell you?

21 A He says in excess of three hours, maybe
22 three-and-a-half hours.

23 Q When you got into the air, did you see any marijuana
24 fields?

25 A Yes, I did.

1 Q About how much time passed?

2 A Fifteen, twenty minutes when I was in the air.

3 Q What was it you saw?

4 A I saw a large, green, oasis-type looking field in the
5 desert, that with my experience in Mexico, this type of
6 work, I determined it to be marijuana fields.

7 Q Did you have an estimate for the size of this field?

8 A Anywhere 80 to 100 hectares.

9 Q Now, did you communicate with Comandante Aldana at or
10 about this time?

11 A Previously to that, Comandante Aldana had radioed to
12 me in his helicopter that he had located a similar field,
13 and had requested that I join him in landing.

14 Simultaneously to this broadcast is when I located
15 my field and informed him that I was going to land over in
16 my area, and consequently, I did land over.

17 Q Now, when you landed, what did you see?

18 A I saw evidence of several workers that obviously had
19 vacated the area. We located approximately 15 to 20
20 workers, peasants, that were still in the area. We found
21 long, maybe 100 yard long barrack-type structures with
22 corrugated roofs, with kitchen areas, food supplies: Eggs,
23 potatoes, bread, and storage areas where they had manicured
24 marijuana, piled up in piles. We saw some irrigation. We
25 saw some diesel powered motors for irrigation. Some man-

1 made wells, et cetera.

2 Q Did you meet with Comandante Aldana again?

3 A Yes, we did. He came over to where I was.

4 Q And what was the subject of your discussion at that
5 point?

6 A He congratulated me, and the D.E.A. in particular, for
7 providing this information of such magnitude. The fields
8 where the largest he had ever seen. There were definitely
9 larger than I had ever seen. He was very well satisfied
10 that our objective had been met, and, therefore, we should
11 report this information to the proper authorities on his
12 side, and, of course, on my side, and, therefore, advise
13 them that our objective had been met.

14 Q Did you agree with that?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q Did you tell him so?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q What did you do next?

19 A I told him that I was not convinced that this was all
20 the marijuana fields that had been -- that we had been told
21 about, and, therefore, we should continue with the
22 operation to see if we could locate some more, that I had
23 heard that there were larger ones.

24 Q And did he agree then to go back up with you and look
25 for more fields?

1 A No. He felt that maybe we should go back and stage
2 again and make some phone calls back to Mexico City so he
3 could report to his supervisors and I could report to my
4 supervisors.

5 Q Did you agree with that?

6 A No, I didn't.

7 Q What was done?

8 A I advised him that we had to continue with the
9 operation, and he felt that it was concluded.

10 Q Well, did you go back up in the helicopters?

11 A After much deliberation, I told him that if, in fact,
12 we were to return to Mexico City and report our findings,
13 that I would be summoned to the Ambassador's Office, and I
14 would have to report to the Ambassador of the United States
15 that our mission and our objective had not been met.

16 Q What was his response?

17 A He felt that we could then, maybe, do some more
18 overflights to see if we could locate any more.

19 Q Did he speak with his pilot?

20 A Did I speak with his pilot?

21 Q No. Did he speak with his pilot?

22 A Yes, he did.

23 Q And what did he tell you after having that
24 conversation?

25 A Well, I had already got in my helicopter to take off,

1 and he got in his, and then he waved me down and we both
2 came out and met, and he informed me that his pilot had
3 said that he did not have enough fuel and had to return
4 back to base.

5 Q What did you do?

6 A I told him to join me in my helicopter.

7 Q Did he agree to do that?

8 A He asked the pilot in my helicopter if he had any
9 fuel, and my pilot said he had no more fuel, either.

10 Q Now, did you know that to be true or untrue?

11 A That was incorrect.

12 Q What happened then?

13 A I informed Comandante Aldana that I had already
14 previously spoke with the pilot before I left the base, and
15 he had told me that he had anywhere from three to
16 three-and-a-half hours of flying time, and we had only
17 flown like 15 to 20 minutes, so we still had a lot of fuel
18 left.

19 Q So did you go up in the helicopter at that point?

20 A We did.

21 Q Did Comandante Aldana fly with you?

22 A Yes, he did.

23 Q Did you find another field?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q How did this field compare to the first one that you

1 saw?

2 A It was twice the size of the original one that I had
3 located, maybe 200 hectares.

4 Q Did you land at this field?

5 A Eventually, yes.

6 Q What did you find there?

7 A Very similar structures as to the first field that we
8 located. That is, the large wooden barrack-type buildings,
9 corrugated roofs, marijuana drying on the roof tops,
10 kitchen area, infirmary, doctor's area; if I may, a
11 prostitute area, headquarters, and again, manicured
12 marijuana, fields that were irrigated, marijuana fields
13 being irrigated, several workers.

14 Q When you say "several," what do you mean?

15 A I would say at this particular time close to a
16 thousand. And in the infirmary, we found some people that
17 were being held captive in the infirmary, sick people that
18 could not work were being held captive. They were bound
19 and tied down.

20 Q Now, if you would, please, I believe in front of you
21 are exhibits marked 111-A through I. Can you look at
22 those.

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Do you recognize those?

25 A I do, sir.

1 Q And generally, what do they depict?

2 A The first few depict the area from an overflight which
3 show all the barracks that I just mentioned. It shows the
4 marijuana being dried out on top of the roofs and on the
5 sides, and some of the workers milling around.

6 The other one, 11-G, shows some of the utensils
7 that were used in the camp, such as the green plates, the
8 white cups with the black border, the boxes that were used
9 to compress the marijuana and store it in, and some
10 cellophane bags.

11 Q All right. Now, where these all of the fields that
12 you found on that date, that is November 8th, I believe?

13 A After we located this particular one, the large one,
14 we flew again and located approximately four more of
15 smaller size within a few minutes from that area.

16 Q And then did you conclude your operations for the day?

17 A Yes, we did.

18 Q Did you fly again on the following day, November 9th?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q And were you involved in destroying the marijuana that
21 was found at these camps?

22 A Yes, I was, sir.

23 Q How did that occur?

24 A Again, I suggested that before I return to Mexico City
25 to brief the Ambassador, that I would have to go back with

1 information that this field had been destroyed. I met with
2 obstacles. The Attorney General's Office now had several
3 representatives up there, and they said that they would
4 take care of the business of destroying it.

5 Q What was your response?

6 A I told them that I could not return to Mexico City
7 without knowledge of the destruction of this marijuana so
8 that I could report to the Ambassador.

9 Q And did they agree?

10 A They felt that they did not have the means to destroy
11 such a large amount of marijuana and the barracks and so on
12 and so forth.

13 Q What was your response to that?

14 A I told them to destroy it the same way we use to
15 destroy it all the time.

16 Q What was that?

17 A That is by going to the helicopters, getting some fuel
18 from the helicopters, spreading the fuel, and just lighting
19 it.

20 Q Was that done?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Now, do you know whether any of these operations were
23 videotaped during the period that you were involved?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q Would you please look at Exhibit 112.

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Do you recognize that?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q What is it?

5 A That is a particular tape that contains excerpts from
6 the original tape that was taken by the Mexican government
7 of the area and the fields.

8 Q Generally, what do these excerpts depict?

9 A Essentially, what is in this photograph here, shows
10 the area itself, shows the marijuana growing, shows the
11 marijuana under cultivation, shows the manicured marijuana,
12 shows the trucks that were in the area, shows the
13 structures that were in the area, and some of the people
14 that where employed in that particular area for the
15 cultivation and manicuring.

16 Q Does it also show the destruction of the marijuana?

17 A And eventually it shows the destruction of the
18 marijuana, which is also depicted in 11-H and 11-I. It
19 shows the burning of the buildings and destruction of the
20 property.

21 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, at this time, I would
22 move the admission of all of the exhibits that Agent Lugo
23 has discussed, including Exhibit 112, the videotape.

24 THE COURT: It maybe be admitted.

25 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 111-A through 111-I

1 and Exhibit 112, received.)

2 MR. CARLTON: And I would ask for permission to
3 play the videotape for the jury. It's about three or four
4 minutes long.

5 THE COURT: Go ahead.

6 (Videotape played for the jury.)

7 BY MR. CARLTON:

8 Q Now, Agent Lugo, the videotape showed many people
9 carrying what appeared to be Christmas trees. Were those
10 the marijuana plants?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q How long did this eradication effort continue?

13 A Approximately ten days.

14 Q And were other fields besides the ones that you've
15 just described destroyed during this period?

16 A Yes, there were others located and destroyed.

17 Q Do you know in total how much marijuana was destroyed
18 in the course of this operation?

19 A Cumulative, all the fields in question, totaled
20 approximately 10,000 metric tons.

21 Q Now, in your position as chief of intelligence in
22 Mexico, were you familiar with the price of marijuana at
23 the time?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q And what was that price?

1 A Wholesale in Mexico, \$250 a kilogram.

2 Q And in the United States, do you know?

3 A Five hundred dollars a kilogram on the street.

4 Q So did you come to some estimate as to what the
5 possible or probable value of the destroyed marijuana was?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q What was that?

8 A Based on the street value in the U.S. wholesale,
9 approximately \$5 billion.

10 Q And two-and-a-half billion in Mexico?

11 A Right, sir.

12 Q In the course of your efforts in this investigation,
13 did you have any conversations with any of the workers at
14 the scene?

15 A I did.

16 Q Did they ask you any questions?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q And did any of these questions strike you as unusual,
19 did they stick in your mind?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q What were they?

22 A In particular, they were somewhat amazed and surprised
23 that we had conducted this raid, because they had observed
24 the helicopters that we had flown in to be the same
25 helicopters that had been used on almost an everyday

1 purpose to come to this camp to bring supplies and
2 representatives from, I guess, the Cartels, to inspect the
3 ground and so forth; and they felt that, why were we using
4 the same helicopters that the other people were using and
5 then conduct a raid.

6 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, this might be an
7 appropriate time to take the morning break.

8 THE COURT: We'll take our morning recess at this
9 time.

10 THE CLERK: Please rise. This Court now stands in
11 recess.

12 (Recess had.)

13 (Jury in.)

14 THE COURT: You may continue.

15 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued)

16 BY MR. CARLTON:

17 Q Agent Lugo, how did you learn of the abduction of
18 Enrique Camarena?

19 A From my supervisor in Mexico City, Mr. Ed Heath.

20 Q When did you learn that? When did you first receive
21 that news?

22 A I don't recall the exact date, but it was the Friday
23 morning after the Thursday abduction.

24 Q And did you meet with Manuel Ibarra in relation to the
25 abduction?

1 A I did, sir.

2 Q Who else was with you?

3 A Mr. Ed Heath.

4 Q When did you go meet with him?

5 A On that Friday morning. When I learned of the
6 abduction, we traveled to Director Ibarra's office at
7 approximately 11:30 that morning.

8 Q And what was discussed at that meeting?

9 A We talked to Director Ibarra regarding our information
10 and our suspicions that Kiki Camarena was missing, and
11 solicited his cooperation in starting an investigation.

12 Q What was his response?

13 A He appeared somewhat solemn, in my opinion, as if he
14 was aware, and he informed us that he had no people or no
15 agents in Guadalajara at that particular time that could
16 assist us.

17 Q And how did you and Mr. Heath respond to that?

18 A Mr. Heath became very angry over the fact that he had
19 no agents in Guadalajara, because in our experience and
20 Mr. Heath's experience, there had always been agents,
21 especially in that particular office, available to us at
22 any particular time or moment, or we can locate them for
23 whatever purpose we deemed; but at that particular time he
24 told us that there were no agents available whatsoever, and
25 wouldn't be any there for a couple of days.

1 Q Did he eventually agree to provide some agents from
2 elsewhere?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q From where, do you know?

5 A In his office, he directed his executive secretary to
6 bring in one of the comandantes stationed there in Mexico
7 City, who did come in, and the director instructed him to
8 get a contingent of Mexican agents and travel to
9 Guadalajara immediately and meet with our agent in
10 Guadalajara.

11 Q Do you know the name of that comandante?

12 A Yes, sir. I believe his name was Brusolo. Something
13 like that, I recall.

14 Q About what time of the day was it that Ibarra ordered
15 this comandante to depart for Guadalajara?

16 A Would have been around noontime, a little bit after
17 12:00.

18 Q Did you and Mr. Heath then return to the embassy?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Now, at this point, did you know who was going to be
21 in charge of the Mexican end of the investigation?

22 A No, sir, not that particular time.

23 Q Did you have someone in mind?

24 A I personally had somebody that I recommended.

25 Q Who was that?

1 A Premier Comandante Florentino Ventura.

2 Q Why was it you recommended Comandante Ventura?

3 A In my experience in Mexico City, I had worked several
4 bilateral operations, Mexican and U.S. Government, third
5 country national, and so forth, and I was very impressed
6 with investigative methods and conclusions, mostly
7 successful in operations, and I felt that he was the most
8 qualified.

9 Q Was that recommendation accepted?

10 A No, sir. I did not recommend him to anyone in
11 particular. I personally spoke to him on the telephone.

12 Q And did you communicate your feelings to him?

13 A Yes, I did, sir.

14 Q What was his response?

15 A He felt that I would jeopardize his position within
16 his system or organization if we were to recommend him. At
17 this particular time he was kind of, as they say in Mexico,
18 he was frozen, so he had no real duties at that particular
19 time. And consequently if the U.S. Government were to
20 approach his supervisor, he said it would jeopardize his
21 position within the government.

22 Q Who eventually was appointed to head up the
23 investigation from the standpoint of the M.F.J.P.?

24 A At that particular time, Comandante Ventura informed
25 me that Comandante Pavon would be in charge of the

1 investigation.

2 Q Now, did you know this individual Pavon?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q When had you first met him?

5 A Approximately 1978.

6 Q And had you worked with him in the intervening years?

7 A Not directly with him. He was assigned to some
8 details in which I was involved in with the Mexican
9 government. He was a -- he was just a rookie, so to speak,
10 when I met him.

11 Q And did you have an opinion as to his competence as an
12 investigator?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q What was that opinion?

15 A I felt he was not qualified to conduct this type of
16 investigation.

17 Q Now, eventually did you fly to Guadalajara in relation
18 to the Camarena investigation?

19 A I did, sir.

20 Q Do you recall when that was?

21 A It was the evening of that particular Friday -- I'm
22 sorry, it was not the evening of that Friday. It was
23 approximately 4:00 o'clock on the following morning.

24 Q And when you got to the airport, it was the airport in
25 Mexico City, I believe, who did you see there?

1 A Yes. It was approximately 4:00 o'clock in the
2 morning, and the people that I ran into at the airport were
3 the two comandantes and their contingent of men that had
4 been assigned in my presence by Ibarra to travel to
5 Guadalajara.

6 On that afternoon at 12:00 noon, they were
7 instructed to go to Guadalajara immediately; and that
8 evening and morning after 4:00 o'clock in the morning when
9 I arrived at the airport, I ran into them.

10 Q Did you have some discussion with them as to --

11 A I did.

12 Q -- why they were delayed?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q Why was that?

15 A The first excuse that they gave me was that there were
16 no flights available to them to go to Guadalajara. I
17 informed them that I was well aware of the airline
18 schedules down there, that there is a plane going to
19 Guadalajara approximately every hour; and then they
20 informed me -- well, maybe there is, but I'm talking about
21 occupancy, there was no seats available."

22 And I says, in my experience, I says, "You could
23 have taken the Attorney General's jet or you could have
24 commanded a plane. You've done it before in my presence."

25 They said, "Well, we tried to pay, but on that

1 particular day, it was payday, and the airlines would not
2 accept our paychecks."

3 Q What was your response to that?

4 A I told them, I says, "In my experience with you people
5 down here, you are never delayed if you really want to go
6 somewhere."

7 Q Now, when you arrived in Guadalajara, what did you do?

8 A I checked in my hotel real quick, and I went to the
9 Mexican Federal Judicial Police Office.

10 Q Let me ask you, how long does it take to fly from
11 Mexico City to Guadalajara?

12 A Approximately an hour.

13 Q So you went to the M.F.J.P. Office in Guadalajara?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q What did you do there?

16 A I met with one of the representatives of the M.F.J.P.
17 that was there at the office, and identified myself, and
18 requested the presence of Comandante Pavon.

19 Q What were you told?

20 MR. BLANCARTE: Your Honor, objection as to each
21 and every detail.

22 THE COURT: Yes, I agree. The objection is
23 sustained.

24 Let's get on to the point.

25 BY MR. CARLTON:

1 Q Did you meet with Comandante Pavon?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q And did you ask him to do something?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q What did you ask him to do?

6 A To initiate an investigation into the absence of Kiki
7 Camarena.

8 Q Did you have some particular locations you wanted
9 investigated?

10 A Yes. We had several locations that we felt were
11 suspicious that could be investigated.

12 Q Did you provide those locations to him?

13 A Not at that particular time.

14 Q What was his response when you asked him to search the
15 various locations?

16 A He informed me that he would have to get the
17 authorization from his supervisor, Ibarra, in Mexico City,
18 at which time I informed him that I was already aware that
19 he had this information because I had already met with
20 Ibarra that morning, and Ibarra had told us that he would
21 be instructing his people to conduct this investigation.

22 Q Did he say anything else about his ability to search
23 these locations?

24 A Yes, sir. He said that we would have to provide the
25 information and he would have to check with Mexico City,

1 get authorization, and obtain search warrants.

2 Q Now, in the time period that you worked in Mexico, had
3 you ever known the M.F.J.P. to obtain search warrants
4 before searching a location?

5 A In the 12-plus years that I worked with them, they had
6 never, ever, ever obtained a search warrant.

7 Q Is the name Nazar Haro familiar to you?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q Who was that?

10 A He was the director of the Felicon Federal De
11 Seguridad.

12 Q During what period? Was he the director in 1982?

13 A I was not stationed there at that particular time, but
14 it seems to me like he was at that particular time the
15 director.

16 Q And, say, 1978; do you know?

17 A Previous to '82, yes, sir.

18 MR. CARLTON: Nothing further, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Did you wish to cross-examine the
20 witness?

21 MR. MEDVENE: Just a question or two, Your Honor.

22 CROSS-EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. MEDVENE:

24 Q Did you conduct certain searches in Guadalajara?

25 A I personally didn't.

1 Q Were certain searches conducted in Guadalajara, to
2 your knowledge?

3 A To the best of my knowledge, yes, sir.

4 Q And searches of where?

5 A Houses, premises --

6 MR. CARLTON: Objection; lack of foundation, Your
7 Honor.

8 THE COURT: Overruled.

9 THE WITNESS: Residences, vehicles, curtilages,
10 premises.

11 BY MR. MEDVENE:

12 Q Of known narcotic traffickers?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q No reference was found to the name Ruben Zuno in any
15 of the searches; isn't that correct?

16 MR. CARLTON: Objection; lack of foundation.
17 Speculation.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 BY MR. MEDVENE:

20 Q Were telephone records, telephone books, obtained in
21 some of the searches, to your knowledge?

22 A I was not present, sir.

23 Q Did you review what was obtained in the searches?

24 A No, sir.

25 Q In the course of your investigation, did you ascertain

1 whether in the course of the searches there was no
2 reference to Ruben Zuno's name in anything that was found?

3 MR. CARLTON: Objection, lack of foundation,
4 speculation.

5 THE COURT: Sustained.

6 MR. MEDVENE: I have nothing further. Thank you
7 very much.

8 MR. RUBIN: Very briefly, Your Honor.

9 CROSS-EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. RUBIN:

11 Q Agent Lugo, concerning all of the drug eradication
12 efforts that you described, and which were in the film and
13 so forth, it's true, is it not, that you don't have any
14 information that Dr. Alvarez-Machain was involved in any of
15 those drugs operations; isn't that right?

16 A In regards to the eradication?

17 Q Yes.

18 A No, sir.

19 Q My statement was correct; is that right?

20 A It's true, sir.

21 Q And you indicated that you did recommend a premier
22 comandante that you wanted to be involved in the
23 investigation of the disappearance of Camarena; is that
24 right?

25 A The D.E.A. --

1 THE COURT: Counsel, don't ask him what he has
2 testified to. If you have a question to ask him about his
3 testimony, ask him.

4 BY MR. RUBIN:

5 Q This premier comandante you believed was honest and
6 was not corrupt; is that correct?

7 A Which one, sir?

8 Q Mr. Florentino Ventura?

9 A He was tainted.

10 Q Okay. Did you recommend him?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 MR. RUBIN: Nothing further.

13 THE COURT: Are you just curious about these
14 things, Counsel?

15 MR. RUBIN: No. Your Honor, there is a reason for
16 it.

17 THE COURT: Please step down.

18 (Witness excused.)

19 THE COURT: Call the next witness.

20 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, the government calls
21 Antonio Celaya.

22 (Witness summoned to courtroom.)

23 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

24 ANTONIO CELAYA, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

25 THE WITNESS: I do.

1 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

2 State your full name for the record and spell your
3 last name.

4 THE WITNESS: Antonio A. Celaya. Spelling of the
5 last name, C-E-L-A-Y-A.

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. CARLTON:

8 Q Mr. Celaya, are you presently retired?

9 A Yes, sir, I am.

10 Q Did you work for the D.E.A. at some point?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q During what period?

13 A I was with Narcotic Enforcement from 1963 until 1985.

14 Q What was your assignment in November of 1984?

15 A I was in the Eradication Program working out of
16 Northern Mexico.

17 Q And at some point during November of 1984, were you
18 ordered to Chihuahua City?

19 A Yes, sir, I was.

20 Q And did you travel with anyone else?

21 A Yes, I did.

22 Q What was your purpose in going there?

23 A I was given instructions to go from Nogales, Sonora to
24 Chihuahua, with the aircraft, that is two helicopters and a
25 fixed wing aircraft, and the crews, to Chihuahua to assist

1 in an operation.

2 Q Who was your supervisor at the time?

3 A Edward Heath was the regional director for Mexico, and
4 Charlie Lugo was the manager of the program I was working
5 on.

6 Q Did you participate in eradicating any marijuana
7 fields in the Chihuahua area when you arrived there?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q And on what date did you begin your involvement in
10 this operation?

11 A I received a phone call on November 8th, the evening
12 hours. I proceeded to Chihuahua on November 9th, and was
13 briefed that evening, and started working on the 9th in
14 Chihuahua.

15 Q Now, did you direct your aircraft to fly to any
16 particular location?

17 A Yes, sir, I did.

18 Q Where?

19 A I instructed the helicopter pilots and the fixed wing
20 aircraft to fly east and north of Chihuahua City.

21 Q Now was this in a different direction than fields that
22 had previously been located in this operation?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Why did you direct your aircraft in these other
25 directions?

1 A After my briefing in Chihuahua on November 9th, that
2 evening, I was told that they had -- the operation had been
3 at Bufalo, which would have been south of Chihuahua City.
4 That there were large -- many people, men, who had been at
5 those camps. I was given descriptions, equipment they
6 carried, such as blankets, cups, things.

7 So I went out on the street after the briefing and
8 started talking to campesinos, to the people I saw. I saw
9 hundreds of men carrying gray blankets and brown blankets,
10 and cups that fit the descriptions that I received from the
11 briefing.

12 I went out and talked to any of those that would
13 talk to me. I kept getting the information that they did
14 not come from the south, they had come from the east and to
15 the north.

16 Q So you dispatched your aircraft to look in that area?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q Did these aircraft find any fields?

19 A On November 10th, they found fields and two camps.

20 Q And did you eventually fly to any of these fields?

21 A Yes, sir, I did.

22 Q When?

23 A On the 11th, I -- on November 11th, I went in one of
24 the helicopters. I flew to the Chinecueta Mountains where
25 I found two camps, and also observed several large fields

1 of marijuana.

2 Q Did you see any people in the area?

3 A Yes, sir, I did.

4 Q What did you do?

5 A As we were flying to the camps, approximately 55 miles
6 northeast of Chihuahua City, over a mesa out in the middle
7 of the desert, I observed thousands of men on this mesa,
8 and I ordered the helicopter to land.

9 When I got out, these people were telling me they
10 had been in the marijuana camps, they had been slave labor,
11 they had been there for a long period of time, and they
12 were claiming to be dying of thirst and hunger, and that
13 they were trying to get out.

14 Q Did you ever determine how many of these people there
15 were?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q How many?

18 A 5,857 that I managed to get a count on.

19 Q Did you eventually visit a camp?

20 A Yes, sir, I did.

21 Q And did you go with any representatives of the
22 M.F.J.P.?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Who was that?

25 A There was a comandante, his commanding officer of the

1 M.F.J.P., and two or three of his agents, plus my
2 helicopter pilot.

3 Q And at this camp, what did you see there?

4 A The camp was built in a bowl, a geographic bowl. You
5 couldn't see it from the ground, but from the air you could
6 make out 12 or 13 large framed, wooden framed buildings,
7 with black tarp and yellow tarps over them. There was
8 marijuana drying on the hillsides and along the road.
9 Marijuana being in various stages of processing, in piles,
10 throughout the camp. I found generators. I found all
11 types of equipment. I found food for thousands of people
12 or for men, and I found a few people still left in Camp
13 Number 1 where I landed.

14 Q Was there another camp that you also visited?

15 A There was a second camp about 10 kilometers due north
16 that I did not land at, but I overflew.

17 Q And was any marijuana destroyed at these two camps?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Was this marijuana in addition to the marijuana that
20 had been destroyed prior to your arrival in Chihuahua?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q How long did you remain involved in this operation?

23 A About five more days until it was totally destroyed,
24 then I went back, overflew the areas to verify that the
25 camps had been destroyed and the fields had also been

1 destroyed.

2 Q From the workers that you interviewed, did you learn
3 who some of the owners of these camps were?

4 A Yes, sir. They claimed it was Caro-Quintero and his
5 organization.

6 MR. CARLTON: Nothing further, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Any questions?

8 MR. MEDVENE: No questions, Your Honor.

9 MR. RUBIN: No questions.

10 THE COURT: You may step down.

11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

12 (Witness excused.)

13 THE COURT: Call the next witness.

14 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, at this time the
15 government calls Frank Retamoza to the stand.

16 (Witness summoned to courtroom.)

17 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

18 FRANK RETAMOZA, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

19 THE WITNESS: I do.

20 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

21 State your full name for the record and spell your
22 last name.

23 THE COURT: State your full name and spell your
24 last name. Do you speak English?

25 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do, sir.

1 My name is Frank Retamoza. My last name is
2 spelled R-E-T-A-M-O-Z-A.

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. MEDRANO:

5 Q How old are you, Mr. Retamoza?

6 A Thirty-eight.

7 Q Married?

8 A Yes, I am.

9 Q Children?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Where were you born?

12 A I was born in California.

13 Q At any time in your life have you resided in the
14 Republic of Mexico?

15 A Yes.

16 Q When was that, briefly?

17 A Since I was three, up until I was 19 years old.

18 Q After that, what happened?

19 A I came back to the States.

20 Q What part of the United States?

21 A I came to California, the County of Los Angeles, and
22 the suburb of San Pedro.

23 Q How old were you when you came to the United States?

24 A Around 19 years old.

25 Q You speak Spanish as well, sir?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Are you bilingual in English and Spanish?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q And very briefly, since 1973, what have you been
5 employed by or as?

6 A I have been a machinist ever since I came here.

7 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, is it just me or am I
8 having trouble hearing the witness?

9 THE COURT: Well, the witness is speaking softly,
10 but let's just move this a little bit to the side here, but
11 don't speak directly into it.

12 THE WITNESS: Okay.

13 MR. MEDRANO: Thank you, Your Honor.

14 BY MR. MEDRANO:

15 Q Let me direct your attention to 1981, Mr. Retamoza.
16 Did you ever return to the Republic of Mexico?

17 A Yes, I did.

18 Q For what purpose, sir?

19 A I went back to try to finish my school -- my schooling
20 in Mexico.

21 Q In any specific area or study?

22 A Yes. I went back to the area of Guadalajara and
23 Jalisco, Mexico.

24 Q To study what, specifically?

25 A Civil engineering.

1 Q How long did that last when you went to school there?

2 A It lasted about the school year.

3 MR. MEDRANO: May I have just one moment, Your
4 Honor?

5 THE COURT: Yes.

6 BY MR. MEDRANO:

7 Q Do you know a man by the name of Miguel
8 Felix-Gallardo?

9 A Yes, I do, sir.

10 Q In fact, are you related to this man?

11 A Yes, I am.

12 Q What relationship is that?

13 A We're cousins.

14 Q Is that a first cousin?

15 A Yeah, first cousin.

16 Q On what side of your family?

17 A My mother's side.

18 Q Now, if I can ask you to look at what should be
19 exhibit -- is that Exhibit 104 in front of you, sir?

20 A Yes, it is.

21 Q Okay. Can I just hold that up towards you and ask you
22 if you can recognize that?

23 A Yeah, I do.

24 Q Who is that?

25 A That's my cousin.

1 Q You can put that down. Thank you.

2 At any point in the early '80's, did you have an
3 opportunity to meet with Felix-Gallardo in Mexico?

4 A Excuse me. What?

5 Q In the early '80's, did you meet with Felix-Gallardo?

6 A Yeah, I did.

7 Q Where exactly?

8 A I met with him in Tijuana, Baja, California.

9 Q For what purpose was that, sir?

10 A Well, I went there to take care of some family
11 business, you know. Specifically, my mom's businesses,
12 which was property involved, you know.

13 Q Was any money owed?

14 A There was some money owed from the part of Miguel, my
15 cousin, to my mom.

16 Q When you met with Felix-Gallardo, was he in the
17 company of anybody?

18 A Yeah, there was other people.

19 Q Were any of those people law enforcement, if you
20 recall?

21 A Yes. There were some law enforcement, Mexican law
22 enforcement.

23 Q What agency?

24 A I think it was the D.F.S.

25 Q At any point, sir, did you have an opportunity to

1 return to Mexico to continue your studies there?

2 A Yeah, I did.

3 Q And approximately when would that have been?

4 A I believe it was the summer of 1981.

5 Q How long were you there that time?

6 A That was the time when I spent about a school year in
7 Guadalajara.

8 Q And still to study civil engineering?

9 A Yeah.

10 Q At any time, Mr. Retamoza, did you discuss with Mr.
11 Felix-Gallardo the purchase of any type of equipment?

12 A Yes, I did. I did, yes.

13 Q What type of equipment was that?

14 A Basically communication equipment. You know, like
15 radios, walkie-talkies, and things like that.

16 Q Who was to buy this equipment?

17 A I was supposed to buy it.

18 Q Were you provided sums of money for that purpose?

19 A Yes. Yes, definitely.

20 Q By who?

21 A By him, by Felix-Gallardo.

22 Q How much, sir?

23 A About \$20,000.

24 Q Did you end up buying this equipment?

25 A Yes, I did.

1 Q Who did you end up providing it to?

2 A Excuse me?

3 Q Who did you end up providing it to?

4 A I took it down to Mexico and I delivered it to him.

5 Q To Felix-Gallardo?

6 A Felix-Gallardo, right.

7 Q Now, Mr. Retamoza, directing your attention to about
8 1982, at any point, Mr. Retamoza, did you, yourself, become
9 involved in the sale of cocaine?

10 A Yes, I did.

11 Q Can you just tell us how that occurred?

12 A Well, when I left the States and went to Mexico to
13 pursue my, you know, finishing my schooling over there. I
14 had an agreement with Felix, with my cousin, you know, that
15 if I went there, my mom would move into my property, the
16 property that I own up until then, and he would -- he was
17 going to pay the mortgage that I that -- you know, that was
18 on the house, plus my equity.

19 Q This is while you would go to school?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Continue.

22 A So I spent a full school year in Mexico and nothing
23 like that happened, so I had to return. And upon my
24 return, I kept pressing Miguel and my mom to either, you
25 know, let me occupy the house back, or, you know, get them

1 to pay for my equity so I could, you know, maybe buy
2 another house or just, you know.

3 Q Felix-Gallardo owed you money then?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Did he, in fact, pay you this money?

6 A Well, in a way he did.

7 Q What did he do?

8 A He gave me two kilos.

9 Q Two kilos of what?

10 A Of cocaine.

11 Q Up to that point, had you ever sold cocaine?

12 A No, I never did.

13 Q Had you ever been involved in that sort of business?

14 A No, sir.

15 Q So now you have two kilos of coke?

16 A That is correct.

17 Q What did you do?

18 A Not much. The only thing I could do is call Miguel
19 back and ask him, you know, what's that all about, you
20 know, and I did that.

21 Q And did you attempt to sell those two kilos?

22 A Not the first two kilos, no, I did not.

23 Q What did you do with them?

24 A I called him and I asked him, you know, I told him,
25 you know, I never -- I don't know what I could do with this

1 because I don't know anybody that would want it, and he
2 says, "Well, don't worry about it. I'll refer you to
3 somebody," and then he did.

4 Q Who was that somebody?

5 A Oh, I don't know who he was, but there was a guy that
6 he was -- he was called Mike, or he said he was called
7 Mike. I don't know. Mike. That's the only thing I know
8 about this guy.

9 Q Did you meet with Mike?

10 A Yes, I did.

11 Q What happened with Mike?

12 A I just delivered the two kilos that I had.

13 Q Was he supposed to then pay you money later?

14 A Yes, he was.

15 Q Did he ever pay you the money for those two kilos?

16 A No, sir, he never did. I never saw him again.

17 Q Did you advise your cousin Felix-Gallardo what had
18 happened to those two kilos?

19 A Yeah, after a while, you know, that I kept calling and
20 calling this guy, you know, I just couldn't get in touch
21 with him anymore; and, yes, I did told my cousin, you know,
22 that this guy had disappeared on me, you know, and I
23 couldn't get the money.

24 Q What was Felix's reaction to that?

25 A Well, he -- he was upset. He was, you know, saying

1 that I was good for nothing, you know, and that he had
2 already helped me, and now I, you know, I had to do my
3 part, you know, trying to collect this money. And things
4 of that nature.

5 Q What happens next with you and Felix-Gallardo?

6 A Well, nothing happens as far as the first two kilos,
7 you know. I never got to see Mike again. I never got the
8 money. But then Miguel told me, "Well, if you can find
9 this guy, you know, I'll give you another chance." So he
10 gave me four more kilos.

11 Q Were you successful in trying to get rid of those four
12 kilos?

13 A Not really. I, again, got into more trouble, you
14 know.

15 Q Did you end up returning any of that cocaine to
16 anybody?

17 A I did. I returned part of that -- those four kilos.

18 Q To who?

19 A To him.

20 Q Now, at this point in time, Mr. Retamoza, who owes who
21 money between yourself and Felix-Gallardo?

22 A Well, now at this time, I owe him, but at the same
23 token he owes my mom, you know, still.

24 Q Who owed who more, let's put it that way?

25 A Well, I guess I did. I never knew how much he owes my

1 mom.

2 Q Did you have any idea now how much you owed him in
3 light of the missing cocaine?

4 A Well, he told me that each kilo was worth \$40,000, so
5 you can figure that out, \$160,000.

6 Q Let me direct your attention still to 1982 or 1983.
7 You ever heard of a person by the name of Gloria Ibarra?

8 A Who?

9 Q Gloria Ibarra?

10 A Jorge Ibarra?

11 Q Gloria. Gloria.

12 A Oh, Gloria Ibarra, yes, I have.

13 Q Did you ever have any contact with this person?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What exactly, or briefly, was that contact?

16 A Well, it was a lady that came out from Guadalajara,
17 you know, across the border and driving a car, you know,
18 and then he contacted me when he was around in town.

19 Q Who contacted you?

20 A Well, first Miguel, and then I -- actually, I
21 contacted her, you know. Once I got the information from
22 Miguel, I contacted her.

23 Q Did you enter into then another arrangement with
24 Felix-Gallardo at this point?

25 A Yes, I did.

1 Q What was that, Mr. Retamoza?

2 A Well, with this other, say, services that I was
3 providing for him, you know, I was to earn enough money to
4 pay him back.

5 Q Just what was the services, exactly?

6 A I was supposed to take this, you know, the car that
7 this lady, Gloria Ibarra, was driving. I was supposed to
8 take the car and unload it.

9 Q Unload it of what?

10 A Of cocaine.

11 Q Where was the cocaine in the car?

12 A The cocaine was stashed in the fuel tank.

13 Q Well, did you do this more than once?

14 A Oh, yeah, many times.

15 Q Approximately total, how many times did you do this,
16 unloading this hidden cocaine?

17 A To be honest, you know, I never counted the times, but
18 it was somewhere around 60 times or 80 times.

19 Q Each time you did it, approximately how much cocaine
20 was hidden in the car?

21 A It was -- again, you know, it was sometimes more,
22 sometimes less, but I'd say about 18 K's, 18 kilos.

23 Q Now, after you received this cocaine, did you receive
24 instructions from Felix-Gallardo to do anything with it?

25 A Yeah. After I had it in my possession, then I

1 received further instructions, yes.

2 Q To do what?

3 A To deliver it to other people.

4 Q Let me direct your attention to about 1984,
5 Mr. Retamoza. At any point, are you ever involved with the
6 receipt of cocaine that arrives by aircraft?

7 A Yes, I did.

8 Q How many times did that occur that you were involved
9 in that?

10 A I was involved twice.

11 Q I'm sorry?

12 A Two times.

13 Q Where did this occur?

14 A This took place in a remote area in the County of
15 Maricopa.

16 Q What do you mean by "remote area"?

17 A Well, it was in the mountains.

18 Q Was there an airport there?

19 A No, no. It was not an airport. It was just like a
20 flat land-type thing, you know. Just clandestine-type of
21 landing strip, you know.

22 Q Is that where a plane would arrive?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And would it contain anything?

25 A Yeah.

1 Q What?

2 A It would have a load of cocaine.

3 Q Once you received this cocaine, what did you do with
4 it?

5 A Well, the first time, I -- I took it to a place that
6 we had previously rented in the area of Lake Elsinore.

7 Q What would happen to the cocaine after that?

8 A Again, they would be, you know, taken over by some
9 other individuals, and they would see that it got to the --
10 to other people.

11 Q You mentioned there was a second load as well?

12 A It was a second load, but that one, it was done a
13 little different. I just took the load and delivered it to
14 a person in Santa Monica.

15 Q Approximately what quantity in each load was involved?

16 A It was around the same, 600 kilos, both loads.

17 Q Still directing your attention to 1984, Mr. Retamoza,
18 did you ever have an opportunity to meet with
19 Felix-Gallardo in Guadalajara?

20 A In 1984?

21 Q Yes.

22 A Yes.

23 Q Where would this meeting have taken place?

24 A In Guadalajara.

25 Q At a residence or where?

1 A It's just, yeah, in a residence.

2 Q Of who?

3 A Miguel.

4 Q Miguel Felix, your cousin?

5 A Right, my cousin.

6 Q Now, on this particular occasion, was there anyone
7 else present that you saw or met for the first time?

8 A Yes. There were -- there was a gentleman -- a person
9 there that I never met before.

10 Q Now, if I can ask you to look to your right, there
11 should be a photograph there, Exhibit 49, a small -- do you
12 see that, sir?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Tell me what that is?

15 A That's Don Jose.

16 Q That's the man you met?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Now, did you ever know Don Jose by any other name?

19 A I later learned, yeah, his name was Matta.

20 Q Matta?

21 A Matta, uh-huh.

22 Q At this particular meeting, did you have any
23 conversation with Matta?

24 A Yes, I did.

25 Q Did this conversation involve cocaine trafficking?

1 A Yes, it did.

2 Q Still in 1984, sir, do you ever have an opportunity to
3 go back to Los Angeles?

4 A Excuse me?

5 Q In 1984 --

6 A Right.

7 Q -- are you ever back in L.A.?

8 A Oh, yes.

9 Q In addition to the receipt of hidden cocaine in either
10 a vehicle or airplanes, did you ever start doing any other
11 functions for Felix-Gallardo in Southern California?

12 A Yes.

13 Q What was that, Mr. Retamoza?

14 A I -- I was supposed to pick up money from different
15 sources, you know.

16 Q Was this money from the sale of cocaine?

17 A Yes.

18 Q All right. Once you received the money, what would
19 you do with it?

20 A Mostly I had to take it down to Mexico.

21 Q How much money would you have to accumulate before you
22 were prepared to take a trip down to Mexico with it?

23 A This had to be at least \$4 million to be able to make
24 a trip.

25 Q Once you went down to Mexico with the money, who did

1 you deliver it to?

2 A I delivered it to Miguel.

3 Q Approximately how many such trips did you make, sir?

4 A Had to be at least anywhere from 15 to 20 trips.

5 Q You mentioned it had to be at least four million; is
6 that right?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q But was it ever more than that, whenever you took
9 money down there?

10 A Oh, yeah. Four million was just the least amount that
11 we would make a trip for, you know, but it could have been
12 more than that.

13 Q Approximately how much money did you transport in this
14 fashion down to Felix-Gallardo?

15 A Well, I'd say -- I'd say around from \$150 to \$200
16 million.

17 Q When you delivered this money, would you also deliver
18 it to Mr. Matta, Don Jose?

19 A It was my understanding that the money belonged to
20 both, the two of them.

21 Q Now Mr. Retamoza, you mentioned earlier the
22 communications equipment. Did you ever see Felix-Gallardo
23 utilize the equipment that you had purchased?

24 A Oh, yeah.

25 Q Did you ever see Mr. Matta utilize that equipment?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And did they have any particular radio or code name
3 that they utilized?

4 A Yes, they all did.

5 Q What was Felix-Gallardo's, if you recall?

6 A Well, everybody referred to him on the radio as M-1.

7 Q M-1?

8 A Right.

9 Q How about Mr. Matta?

10 A Mr. Matta was -- everybody referred to him as --
11 including himself, you know, as Pony.

12 Q Pony?

13 A Like the horses, the little horses.

14 Q I want to direct your attention, Mr. Retamoza, to
15 about June 21 or 22 of 1984. On or about this date, are
16 you in the Los Angeles area?

17 A Yes, sir, I was.

18 Q On or about June 21, did you meet a man by the name of
19 Tomas Vias?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q And how did that come about?

22 A I was in my place of work at the time, you know, and I
23 received a call, and it was Tomas, and he said to me that
24 he was at the airport, at the LAX, and he wanted me to go
25 and pick him up.

1 Q Did you do so?

2 A I did. I did so.

3 Q Then what did you do with him afterwards?

4 A I took him to a hotel.

5 Q In what part of town?

6 A It was somewhere in Anaheim, the City of Anaheim.

7 Q Anaheim?

8 A Right.

9 Q What happens next with you and Mr. Vias?

10 A Well, that day, after --

11 Q Yes.

12 A -- after he checked into the hotel?

13 Q Yes; correct.

14 A Well, we went out shopping.

15 Q Okay. Subsequently?

16 A We came back to the hotel and there were other people,
17 you know, people that he knew.

18 Q Okay. At any point, did you see any money?

19 A Yes. Shortly after, you know, we went back to the
20 hotel, there were people counting money and other people
21 bringing in money and --

22 Q Was this being counted by hand?

23 A No.

24 Q How?

25 A It was being counted by, you know, special equipment

1 used to count money, counters, money counters.

2 Q Approximately how much money did you see there on that
3 occasion?

4 A There was around \$4 million, something like that.

5 Q That night, where did you stay?

6 A Where did I stay?

7 Q June 21; correct?

8 A Yeah, I stayed in my house.

9 Q Okay. Let's go now to June 22. On June 22, sir,
10 besides the money at the hotel, did you have any money at
11 your house?

12 A Yes, I did.

13 Q Approximately how much?

14 A I had something like seven million, something like
15 that.

16 Q On June 22, do you see Tomas Vias again?

17 A I did.

18 Q And where at?

19 A At my house.

20 Q At some point, sir, does anything unusual occur when
21 he is at your house?

22 A Yes, it does. Yes, it does.

23 Q What was that?

24 A I called the hotel and --

25 Q Are you referring to the Anaheim Hotel?

1 A Yes. The hotel where they were staying. I called
2 because prior to it, we had requested the assistance of one
3 of the persons that were staying there, and this guy never
4 showed up in my house, so I made an attempt to get in touch
5 with him to see what happened, you know, why he didn't show
6 up.

7 Q Did you reach anybody?

8 A Well, I reached somebody. Yes, somebody answered the
9 phone, and he told me that Carlos, the person that I was
10 trying to contact, was not there at the moment.

11 Q Did this person give you his name?

12 A Well, he said a name.

13 Q What was that?

14 A Antonio.

15 Q All right. So what do you do next?

16 A Nothing. I just go back and help Tomas and some other
17 guys that were there counting, and I just started counting
18 myself, you know.

19 Q At any point, do you try to contact the hotel again?

20 A Oh, yeah, you know, like maybe 30, 40, an hour maybe
21 later I called again.

22 Q Did this same Antonio answer?

23 A The same Antonio answered, yes.

24 Q At any point, do you advise Mr. Vias that this Antonio
25 is answering the phone?

1 A Well, by after the third time that I, you know, tried
2 to contact Carlos, yes, I asked Tomas, you know, "Is
3 anybody in your group, you know, by the name of Antonio?"

4 He says, "Why"?

5 "I've been calling, you know, about three times
6 already, and he keeps answering the phone and Carlos is not
7 there."

8 Q Did Mr. Vias get upset?

9 A First he was just surprised, you know, and then later
10 he got upset.

11 Q What happens next then?

12 A We called again, but now he is listening, you know.
13 He's listening in on the other phone, and he hears the
14 voice also, and then he gets upset.

15 Q At this point, are you very concerned about the money
16 at the hotel?

17 A Me? No.

18 Q Mr. Vias?

19 A Vias, well, he was more than -- I suppose, you know,
20 he was more concerned about his son than the money, I
21 suppose. You know, I'm not really sure. He was upset and
22 concerned, but I suppose he was concerned more about his
23 son.

24 Q Ultimately, sir, there was seven million in your
25 house; correct?

1 A That is correct.

2 Q What did you do with that money after these phone
3 calls?

4 A Well, when Tomas was going around my house, you know,
5 bumping his head into the wall, I just thought, you know,
6 that the best thing for me to do was try to get the money
7 out of the house just in case, you know, and I put all of
8 the money in the suitcases and put them in the trunk of one
9 of the cars that were parked -- that was parked inside the
10 garage at my house.

11 Q Eventually, did you take that money outside of the
12 country?

13 A Eventually I did.

14 Q Who did you deliver it to?

15 A I delivered it to Miguel.

16 Q Now, at this point, did you learn what had happened to
17 the four million at the hotel?

18 A Yeah, sure I did.

19 Q What?

20 A There was a seizure, you know. The police came and
21 seized the money.

22 Q And did you ultimately learn the name of the person
23 who identified himself as Antonio to you on the phone?

24 A Yeah, I did.

25 Q Who was that?

1 A It was the name of -- it was a D.E.A. agent. His name
2 Antonio Ricevuto.

3 Q Did you deliver your \$7 million to Felix and Matta?

4 A Yes, I did, sir.

5 Q Did you apprise them of the Anaheim seizure?

6 A Advise them?

7 Q Did you tell them what had happened?

8 A I briefed them, yes.

9 Q What was their reaction?

10 A They were very upset. They were very mad, I would
11 say.

12 Q Directing your attention to about September of 1984,
13 Mr. Retamoza, did Matta or Felix ever discuss with you any
14 other seizures of any sort that they had suffered?

15 A Yes. Yes, they did.

16 Q Where did this conversation take place?

17 A I believe it was in Miguel's residence, Miguel's
18 house.

19 Q In Guadalajara?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What were you advised at that time?

22 A Well, they were always, you know, trying to not comply
23 with the agreement that we had already agreed to, and that
24 was basically, you know, they didn't want to pay me what --
25 the money that they agreed to pay me. And so they would

1 say that those agreements that we made before are no longer
2 valid because we have had, you know, losses, like seizures,
3 you know, of money and dope and --

4 Q Did he identify any geographical location of any of
5 those seizures?

6 A Yeah, they did.

7 Q Where?

8 A Oh, for one thing, I remember they mentioned, you
9 know, that they had a seizure of dope in Arizona.

10 Q At any point, sir, did either of these two men discuss
11 with you pay-offs of any sort?

12 A Well, it was the same time as we were discussing, you
13 know, these losses, you know. They also mentioned that all
14 of the money that I delivered to them, it wasn't only, you
15 know, the money that they would put in their pockets, you
16 know. All of this or a large part of this money would be
17 used to pay-off, you know, different people.

18 Q So where these pay-offs part of their own expenses?

19 A That's what they claimed to be, yes.

20 Q Mr. Retamoza, every time you saw Matta, did he have
21 bodyguards?

22 MR. BLANCARTE: Objection, Your Honor, relevance
23 as to this witness' --

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25 BY MR. MEDRANO:

1 Q Finally, sir, let me direct your attention to early
2 1983. Are you familiar with an area called Altata?

3 A Yes, I am.

4 Q What is that?

5 A Well, it's like a resort.

6 Q Where is it located?

7 A It's on the northwest of Culiacantaloa (phonetic).

8 Q Were you ever there at or about that timeframe?

9 A Yes, I was.

10 Q Who else was there with you?

11 A Well, I went with Miguel, you know.

12 Q While you were there, did anything happen unusual?

13 A Well, yeah. There was a -- there were always, you
14 know, unusual things happening around there, you know.

15 Q Anything specially unusual?

16 A Specially unusual?

17 MR. RUBIN: Objection, Your Honor, relevance.

18 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, I'm about finished with
19 this direct.

20 THE COURT: Well, get on the same track.

21 MR. MEDRANO: Very well, Your Honor, I'll move on.

22 BY MR. MEDRANO:

23 Q At any point, sir, are you or Felix-Gallardo visited
24 by any official of the Mexican government?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Okay. Tell us how that happened?

2 A I suppose that you -- well, yes, there were an
3 official like -- there was a helicopter at one time landed
4 on the -- in front of the -- this house where I was staying
5 with Miguel. It was his property.

6 Q Where did it land? On the beach?

7 A It landed right on the beach.

8 Q Did you see who came out of this helicopter?

9 A Yes. There was a -- this guy that came out of the
10 aircraft and approached Miguel.

11 Q Is he dressed in any special way?

12 A Well, he saluted, for one thing, you know.

13 Q Did he have a uniform on?

14 A He had a uniform on, yes.

15 Q And saluted who?

16 A Miguel.

17 Q Did he talk to Miguel Felix?

18 A Yes. He wishes me and Miguel, so he wasn't saluting
19 me, you know, saluted Miguel.

20 Q Eventually, did that man leave in the helicopter?

21 A Yeah, he did.

22 Q Finally, sir, you have heard of the man named Rafael
23 Caro-Quintero?

24 A Yes, I did.

25 Q Did you ever see Caro-Quintero with Felix?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Did you ever see him with Matta?

3 A Yes, I did.

4 Q During the time that we discussed this morning?

5 A That is correct.

6 MR. MEDRANO: May I have just one moment, Your
7 Honor?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, I can conclude direct
10 right now. Would you like me to do that?

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 MR. MEDRANO: If I may have one moment.

13 BY MR. MEDRANO:

14 Q You're familiar with a program called the Witness
15 Security Program?

16 A Yes, I am, sir.

17 Q At any point, did you enter that program?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q Approximately when?

20 A 1989 in June.

21 Q Did any other members of your own family also enter
22 into that program?

23 A Yes, most of my immediate family went in there as
24 well.

25 Q Approximately how many people are we talking about?

1 A About 30 people.

2 Q In this program, do you receive subsistence monthly?

3 A Yes, I do.

4 Q Approximately how much?

5 A About \$1,600.

6 Q To be used for what purpose?

7 A For subsistence, you know, for every day expenses.

8 Q Why did you join that program?

9 A Excuse me?

10 Q Why did you join the program?

11 A Well, because I thought, you know --

12 MR. RUBIN: Objection; relevance.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 BY MR. MEDRANO:

15 Q And finally, are you familiar with a hotel called the
16 Las Americas Hotel?

17 A Yes, I am.

18 Q Where is that located?

19 A Las Americas is located on a big street in
20 Guadalajara, that's called Lopez Mateos.

21 Q Is that owned by Felix-Gallardo?

22 A That was my understanding.

23 Q And did Mr. Felix-Gallardo own other hotels in
24 Guadalajara?

25 MR. BLANCARTE: Objection; relevance.

1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 BY MR. MEDRANO:

3 Q Finally, sir, you mentioned Mr. Tomas Vias. Did he
4 also work for Felix-Gallardo?

5 A Yes, he did.

6 MR. MEDRANO: One moment, Your Honor.

7 That's it, Your Honor. Thank you.

8 THE COURT: Do you wish to cross-examine this
9 witness?

10 MR. MEDVENE: Yes, Your Honor, briefly.

11 THE COURT: And you, Counsel?

12 MR. RUBIN: Yes, Your Honor, I believe so.

13 THE COURT: All right. We'll adjourn at this time
14 and reconvene at 1:30. The jury will be excused.

15 THE CLERK: Please rise.

16 (Jury out.)

17 THE COURT: Counsel, this morning a juror gave me
18 a note which I discussed with the jury without discussing
19 it with you, but I want to read it to you.

20 "The jurors agree that the case is not to be
21 discussed amongst ourselves before all the evidence has
22 been presented. However, there has been an exception
23 expressed that the case can be discussed, provided all
24 jurors are present. Please clarify if the above exception
25 is allowable. Thank you."

1 That's the note to which I responded this morning.
2 Now, you wanted to take up something with the
3 Court?

4 MR. MEDVENE: Yes, Your Honor. We wanted to alert
5 Your Honor that -- we should have mentioned this
6 yesterday -- with respect to Mr. Flores. The government
7 has given us a 404(b) Notice on Mr. Flores. We think it
8 incumbent that before the witness takes the stand there be
9 some --

10 THE COURT: Just a moment. Why did you give a
11 404(b) Notice?

12 MR. MEDRANO: May I have just one moment, Your
13 Honor?

14 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, 404(b) Notice was
15 provided in relation to some of Mr. Flores' testimony,
16 because it pertains to drug trafficking by Ruben Zuno
17 during 1984, which is not connected directly, as far as we
18 know, with other members of the Cartel.

19 We believe that the evidence is relevant to the
20 case, but in an excess of caution, we thought we would
21 provide a 404(b) Notice to the defense because it's not
22 direct evidence of association. We believe it's indirect.

23 THE COURT: Well, is this the evidence you are
24 objecting to?

25 MR. MEDVENE: Yes. And this is the evidence --

1 THE COURT: If this is evidence that doesn't
2 relate to this Cartel that's subject of the indictment,
3 then it should not be used as a part of the evidence
4 against the defendant --

5 MR. CARLTON: Well, Your Honor --

6 THE COURT: You must first have evidence to
7 connect him to the Cartel.

8 MR. CARLTON: There will be much other evidence
9 connecting him to the Cartel. This is simply a piece of
10 the puzzle showing -- it tends to show what the nature of
11 his connection to the Cartel was. It also shows the
12 relationship --

13 THE COURT: What is the evidence?

14 MR. CARLTON: Perhaps Mr. Medrano can summarize
15 that.

16 MR. MEDRANO: I can summarize that briefly, Your
17 Honor. Mr. Flores will say he was a lieutenant in the
18 military. At one point, he and other soldiers received
19 orders to go to the area of Mascota, where you know, that's
20 where Zuno resides, to find and eradicate marijuana fields.
21 Flores will say he's under the command of a Captain
22 Rodriguez. They go out. They find lots of marijuana
23 fields.

24 Let me tell you what he's going to say and then
25 I'll tell you how we're going to deal with any possible

1 hearsay issue.

2 They are instructed to find marijuana, arrest
3 people, interview those people to find out who the owner of
4 the marijuana is. Flores does that, is advised by numerous
5 peasants and people who worked there, that all that belongs
6 to Zuno. In response to those inquiries, the soldiers go
7 to a ranch owned by Zuno to look for him. At that moment,
8 he's not there.

9 They go back, start finding and eradicating more
10 marijuana. Again, they are told the same thing by the
11 arrestees that it all belongs to Zuno.

12 Again, they go back to the ranch. This time there
13 is Zuno and Zuno meets with Captain Rodriguez, and much to
14 the surprise of Mr. Flores, who's of lower rank, Zuno is
15 never arrested. He asks his boss, Rodriguez, why not, and
16 Rodriguez essentially puts him off for now saying, "Well,
17 we're looking into it."

18 They continue to find and eradicate more
19 marijuana. Continually they're told it all belongs to
20 Zuno, and finally --

21 THE COURT: Do you have any evidence that this
22 marijuana was on his land, or just these statements by
23 these people that were interviewed?

24 MR. MEDRANO: We have those statements, Your
25 Honor, and there is one thing I forgot to tell you. In one

1 occasion, Flores will say he observes Zuno meeting with his
2 boss, Captain Rodriguez, and again, Flores asks his boss
3 why Zuno has not been arrested. Rodriguez says -- gets
4 angry at him and tells him not to worry about it, and
5 simultaneously shows him a roll of bills.

6 Now, it's our position that these various
7 statements do not constitute hearsay, because they are not
8 offered for the truth of the matter.

9 THE COURT: The statements of whom?

10 MR. MEDRANO: Well, let's start with the peasants
11 or the people, the arrestees, who advise that the marijuana
12 fields --

13 THE COURT: Why aren't those hearsay?

14 MR. MEDRANO: Pardon?

15 THE COURT: Why aren't those hearsay if they are
16 offered to prove that he owns the land?

17 MR. MEDRANO: But it's not offered that he owned
18 the land, Your Honor. It shows a couple of things, the
19 state of mind of Flores who's doing the investigation
20 pursuant to orders, and when he receives this information,
21 he continues to --

22 THE COURT: Why are we concerned with the state of
23 mind of Flores at all in this case?

24 MR. MEDRANO: Well, that fact, Your Honor, plus
25 the role of Flores, is to find and locate the owner. Based

1 on that, that leads us to Zuno, and Zuno's ranch.

2 THE COURT: There are a number of things here
3 that have been discussed. First, it's my view that the
4 statements elicited from these people that worked there in
5 these fields cannot be offered as evidence of proof that
6 the fields belonged to the Defendant Zuno. It's simply
7 hearsay.

8 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, there is one additional
9 thing.

10 THE COURT: That's one category of evidence.
11 Now --

12 MR. MEDRANO: There is one thing I forgot to tell
13 you that you need to know that Flores will say. After
14 Rodriguez, his boss, meets with Zuno, after Flores sees
15 Rodriguez with this role of bills, suddenly everything is
16 called off by Rodriguez. Flores is called out of the
17 fields when he is trying to eradicate a huge field. He's
18 told, "Forget it, come back, we are going back to
19 Guadalajara."

20 So all the operations cease after Flores observes
21 Zuno meeting with his boss. Now --

22 THE COURT: Just a moment. I'm not going to let
23 you call this witness unless you submit to me a written
24 offer of proof indicating precisely what you are going to
25 ask him, and what theory of admissibility you rely upon.

1 The statements made by these workers in the field
2 that the land belongs to Zuno are not admissible to prove
3 that the land belongs to Zuno. If you have no other proof
4 that the land on which this marijuana was growing belongs
5 to Zuno, and you are trying to whip up something to
6 contrive to reach that result without competent evidence.

7 So I want an offer of proof from you exactly what
8 this fellow is going to say, and on what theory of
9 admissibility you rely to have it introduced. Can you do
10 that before you call the witness? So you'd better find
11 another witness.

12 MR. MEDRANO: We'll certainly try, Your Honor. We
13 will do our best.

14 MR. MEDVENE: Will we be served with the offer of
15 proof, Your Honor?

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 MR. MEDVENE: Thank you.

18 THE CLERK: Please rise. This Court stands in
19 recess.

20 (Lunch recess taken.)

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1 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1992

2 (1:30 P.M.)

3 (Jury in.)

4 THE COURT: You may cross-examine the witness.

5 MR. MEDVENE: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 CROSS-EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. MEDVENE:

8 Q Mr. Retamoza, Ruben Zuno was not at any meeting you
9 testified about this morning involving drug trafficking; is
10 that correct?

11 A That is correct, sir.

12 Q And his name was not mentioned at any meeting you
13 testified about this morning involving drug trafficking; is
14 that correct, sir?

15 A That is correct.

16 Q You never delivered any monies to Mr. Zuno for any
17 purpose?

18 A No, sir, I never did.

19 Q Mr. Zuno never delivered any drugs to you?

20 A No, sir, never did.

21 Q And Mr. Zuno was not involved in any way in any of the
22 cocaine transactions you talked about this morning; isn't
23 that correct, sir?

24 A No, I don't think so.

25 Q Now, you say you don't think so. My statement's a

1 correct one?

2 A Yeah, I think so. I believe that they are, sir.

3 Q You start getting paid by the D.E.A. some time in
4 1989?

5 A I don't understand your question.

6 Q When did you start receiving payments from the D.E.A.?

7 A I never did, sir. I never received any payments from
8 the D.E.A.

9 Q Have you received any payments from any government
10 agency, to your knowledge?

11 A I believe that you're referring to the money that I
12 get for subsistence every month?

13 Q Yes.

14 A Yeah, that was after I joined the Witness Protection
15 Program, yes.

16 Q And you mentioned you were receiving approximately
17 \$1,600 a month?

18 A Right.

19 Q Did you start receiving payments under that program
20 sometime in 1989?

21 A Sometime in 1989; that is correct.

22 Q Approximately August?

23 A Approximately June.

24 Q June.

25 Is it true some months you received as much as

1 \$14,000?

2 A Excuse me? What is it again?

3 Q Is it true that in some months you received as much as
4 \$14,000 a month?

5 A Sir, no. That's -- well, I -- no, that's not true. I
6 always receive the same amount, the -- I always received
7 the same amount, sir.

8 Q Isn't it true that since you started receiving
9 payments, you have received some \$900,000?

10 A I have not received it, sir. I have not received
11 \$900,000, no. They might incur, you know, in expenses that
12 are amounted to that figure, but I didn't receive the money
13 in my hands, you know.

14 Q Well, who received the money?

15 A I only received the --

16 MR. MEDRANO: Objection, Your Honor, lack of
17 foundation.

18 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.

19 BY MR. MEDVENE:

20 Q Well, did you receive, either directly or indirectly
21 for yourself or for your benefit, some \$900,000 since
22 approximately August of 1989?

23 A No, I didn't, sir.

24 MR. MEDVENE: Excuse me one second, Your Honor.

25 BY MR. MEDVENE:

1 Q Would it be fair to say that you received
2 approximately \$900,000 for yourself and all family members
3 since August of 1989?

4 A I repeat, sir, I -- I as to my understanding, that the
5 expenses that the government incur in taking care of me and
6 my family all through this ordeal, you know, that we went
7 through, you know, getting relocated and all of that,
8 that's my understanding that the expense amounted to that,
9 but I never received that money.

10 Q All right. So you understand your expenses since
11 about August of '89 amount to about, for you and your
12 family, about \$900,000; is that correct?

13 A That's my understanding, yes.

14 Q Now, is it also true, sir, that you were provided with
15 immunity from prosecution in those jurisdictions where you
16 were previously involved in narcotic trafficking?

17 A Yes; that is correct.

18 Q And you received immunity from prosecution,
19 specifically in the Central District of Los Angeles?

20 A Yes.

21 Q The Eastern District of California?

22 A Yes.

23 Q The Southern District of California, including
24 San Diego?

25 A That is correct.

1 Q The Southern District of Florida?

2 A That is correct.

3 Q District of Arizona?

4 A Yes; that is correct.

5 Q And the Federal District of Washington, D.C.?

6 A I believe so, yes.

7 MR. MEDVENE: I have nothing further, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Do you have any questions?

9 MR. RUBIN: Yes, Your Honor.

10 MR. MEDVENE: Excuse me. May I ask to approach
11 the witness, Your Honor, for purposes of asking if this
12 information the government gave us, if he's aware if it's
13 accurate, for purposes of marking it for identification and
14 then moving it into evidence?

15 MR. MEDRANO: Objection --

16 MR. MEDVENE: It's his payment schedule.

17 THE COURT: The request is denied.

18 MR. MEDVENE: All right, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Do you have any questions?

20 MR. RUBIN: Yes, Your Honor.

21 CROSS-EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. RUBIN:

23 Q Mr. Retamoza, it is true, is it not, you received
24 substantial benefits from the United States Government?

25 THE COURT: Counsel, do we need that?

1 MR. RUBIN: I would like to go into it in a little
2 bit more detail, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Well, then get to the detail.

4 BY MR. RUBIN:

5 Q Concerning the immunity that you were given in all of
6 those districts, turning first to the one in Seattle, that
7 one involved a case where you were accused or you were
8 involved in the sale of half a kilogram of cocaine;
9 correct?

10 A Yeah, yes.

11 Q And when you got the immunity for being involved in
12 that crime, did you understand that the potential penalty
13 for imprisonment for that single crime alone was a minimum
14 of five years in prison?

15 A No, not really. I know that, you know, that crimes
16 that I had incurred were big, yes, I knew that; but as far
17 as numbers, I didn't know.

18 Q And isn't it true, would it be fair to say, that for
19 all the crimes you committed, you were facing hundreds,
20 potentially hundreds of years in a federal prison; isn't
21 that true?

22 A I am not aware of the term that I would serve if I
23 were convicted of all of those crimes. I'm not really
24 aware.

25 Q Did you have counsel with you when you negotiated

1 these immunity agreements with the government?

2 A I did.

3 Q And at a time, was the potential penalties discussed
4 to those crimes before you entered the immunity agreements?

5 A Might have been, but I don't remember, really.

6 Q Now, it's true, is it not, that from 1982 to 1987 you
7 were a drug trafficker; correct?

8 A Excuse me?

9 Q You were a drug trafficker from 1982 to 1987; isn't
10 that right?

11 A Yes; that is correct.

12 Q And because of the agreements you have with the
13 government, you will not be prosecuted for any of those
14 crimes from 1982 to 1987; correct?

15 A That is correct.

16 Q Now, in 1982, you said you became involved in drug
17 trafficking to help your mother; is that right?

18 A No, not really. That wasn't my intention, to help my
19 mother, no. I was just trying to get paid, you know, my
20 own money.

21 Q Now, did at any point, at the very beginning, did you
22 ever consider calling the police and advising them that you
23 were being given cocaine?

24 A On, no, never. No.

25 Q Instead you took the cocaine and you tried to sell it;

1 correct?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And then the cocaine deals that you were involved in
4 got bigger and bigger; isn't that right?

5 A Well, I was a cocaine dealer for a very short period.
6 I mean, I doubt -- I just couldn't handle that part of the
7 business.

8 Q Well, when I say a dealer, I mean involved in a
9 cocaine conspiracy. The conspiracies that you became
10 involved in got bigger and bigger?

11 A Oh, yeah; that is correct.

12 Q And at any time, did you consider going to the police
13 and telling them about these cocaine conspiracies?

14 MR. MEDRANO: Objection, asked and answered, Your
15 Honor.

16 THE COURT: Sustained.

17 BY MR. RUBIN:

18 Q In 1983 the kilogram that went in your car came in
19 through the car tank -- gas tank for the car, were 54
20 kilograms in each car; isn't that true?

21 A Wait a minute. Can you rephrase that question?

22 Q Sure. In 1983 your cousin Felix sent a female courier
23 driving a car full of cocaine to you?

24 A Right.

25 Q And, in fact, it wasn't 18 kilos that were in each

1 car, it was 54 kilos that were in each car?

2 A Says who?

3 Q Is that correct?

4 A No, it's not.

5 Q Do you know how much a kilogram is in pounds?

6 A Yes.

7 Q How much is it?

8 A Well, it's two pounds plus.

9 Q So the airplane flights that you were involved in,
10 each one was about 1,200 or to 1,500 pounds of cocaine;
11 correct?

12 A Yes, that is correct.

13 Q That's more than half a ton of cocaine each flight
14 that you were involved in; isn't that right?

15 A That is correct, yes.

16 Q And the money that you transported from California
17 totaled approximately \$150 million; true?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So you personally took \$150 million out of the United
20 States to give it to your cousin, the drug trafficker, in
21 Mexico; is that right?

22 THE COURT: The question has been asked and
23 answered.

24 Did you hear me, Counsel?

25 MR. RUBIN: Yes, Your Honor, I heard you.

1 BY MR. RUBIN:

2 Q This \$909,000 that you and your family received
3 includes money for not only subsistence, but for housing,
4 medical, and everything; correct?

5 A It's not all correct, no. It's not like you say.

6 Q So you don't receive payment -- the government doesn't
7 pay for your medical expenses or housing expenses?

8 A Wait a minute. I didn't quite understand your
9 question --

10 Q Okay.

11 A -- the first time.

12 Q It is true, is it not, that this \$909,000 that you and
13 your family have received from the government in three
14 years, includes, in addition to subsistence, housing,
15 medical, everything's paid for by the government; correct?

16 A No, it's not quite that way. From the \$1,600 that I
17 receive a month, I have to pay my housing. I do have to
18 pay my housing. There's only -- when they pay my housing,
19 it's only when I'm in the process of being relocated that
20 they have to pay the hotel expense, you know. That's the
21 only time when they pay my housing. That's not taken out
22 of the \$1,600.

23 Q Well, in fact, they also pay your medical expenses; is
24 that true?

25 A That they do, yeah.

1 Q You pay income taxes on any of the benefits you
2 receive from the government money?

3 A No, sir, I don't.

4 Q Anyone advise you whether or not you have to pay
5 income taxes on that?

6 A No, nobody has said anything about that, but since you
7 don't receive a W-4 Form a year, you know, I don't see how
8 you can pay the taxes on that money that you receive.

9 Q Now, at any of the meetings that you testified about
10 this morning, Dr. Humberto Alvarez-Machain was not present,
11 was he?

12 A I didn't quite get your question. What is it?

13 Q In the meetings you testified to this morning,
14 Dr. Humberto Alvarez-Machain was not present, was he?

15 A I never heard -- I never knew -- I just don't know any
16 of the defendants.

17 MR. RUBIN: Okay. No further questions.

18 THE COURT: Anything further?

19 MR. MEDRANO: Very briefly.

20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. MEDRANO:

22 Q Mr. Retamoza, this figure of over \$900,000 involves
23 expenses for not only you and your immediate family; is
24 that correct?

25 MR. BLANCARTE: Objection, asked and answered.

1 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor --

2 THE COURT: Sustained.

3 BY MR. MEDRANO:

4 Q Were there over 30 family members that were brought to
5 the United States?

6 MR. RUBIN: Objection; asked and answered;
7 leading.

8 THE COURT: Sustained.

9 BY MR. MEDRANO:

10 Q Finally, Mr. Retamoza, the portions of the sums
11 received, is part of that used for relocation when
12 necessary?

13 MR. BLANCARTE: Same objection.

14 THE COURT: Overruled.

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

16 BY MR. MEDRANO:

17 Q And that relocation is for your protection?

18 A That is correct.

19 Q Also for the protection of any other family members
20 that have to be relocated?

21 MR. BLANCARTE: Objection; relevance.

22 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

23 THE COURT: Counsel, when you object, you must
24 rise.

25 MR. BLANCARTE: I'm sorry, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Now, that you have, your objection is
2 overruled.

3 BY MR. MEDRANO:

4 Q Did you hear the question, Mr. Retamoza?

5 A Yes, I -- I did, and yes, I said "yes."

6 Q \$900,000 has not just been given to you to spend; is
7 that correct?

8 A No. No, that's not correct.

9 MR. RUBIN: Objection; asked and answered.

10 THE COURT: Sustained.

11 MR. MEDRANO: One moment, Your Honor.

12 (Government counsel confer.)

13 BY MR. MEDRANO:

14 Q Why are you in the Witness Security Program? Why did
15 you join the Witness Security Program?

16 MR. RUBIN: Objection; irrelevant.

17 THE COURT: Yes, that was asked and previously
18 objected to and sustained.

19 BY MR. MEDRANO:

20 Q Mr. Retamoza, to this day, sir, do you have concerns
21 for your safety?

22 MR. RUBIN: Objection; irrelevant.

23 MR. BLANCARTE: Objection --

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25 BY MR. MEDRANO:

1 Q Mr. Retamoza, do you have any immediate plans to
2 return to the Republic of Mexico?

3 MR. BLANCARTE: Objection; relevance.

4 THE WITNESS: No way.

5 THE COURT: Sustained.

6 MR. MEDRANO: One more moment, Your Honor.

7 (Government counsel confer.)

8 MR. MEDRANO: That concludes redirect.

9 THE COURT: All right. You may step down, sir.

10 (Witness excused.)

11 THE COURT: Call the next witness.

12 MR. MEDRANO: At this time, Your Honor, we call
13 Tony Ricevuto to the stand.

14 (Witness summoned to courtroom.)

15 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

16 ANTHONY RICEVUTO, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

17 THE WITNESS: I do.

18 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

19 State your full name for the record and spell your
20 last name.

21 THE WITNESS: Anthony Ricevuto, R-I-C-E-V, as in
22 Victor, U-T-O.

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. MEDRANO:

25 Q Mr. Ricevuto, are you employed by the Drug Enforcement

1 Administration?

2 A Yes, I am.

3 Q How long have you served with the D.E.A.?

4 A Pardon me, sir?

5 Q How long have you been with the D.E.A.?

6 A Approximately 20 years.

7 Q Where are you currently assigned to?

8 A I am currently assigned to the Los Angeles area.

9 Q Are you presently the supervisor in Los Angeles?

10 A I am senior inspector of the -- in Los Angeles.

11 Q Now, sir, let me direct you to around 1984. Were you
12 familiar with an operation called Operation Padrino?

13 A Yes, sir, I was.

14 Q Padrino in Spanish means what, sir?

15 A The Godfather.

16 Q And did you have a supervisory role in this
17 investigation?

18 A Yes. I was the case agent for that investigation.

19 Q And the purpose of the investigation?

20 A We were targeting some traffickers from Culiacan,
21 Sinaloa, Mexico and from Guadalajara, Mexico.

22 Q And the initial or first target of this investigation
23 was who?

24 A A person by the name Jorge Fadalla (phonetic).

25 Q Were agents from other countries also involved in this

1 investigation?

2 A Yes, sir. We were --

3 THE COURT: You've answered the question.

4 BY MR. MEDRANO:

5 Q From where?

6 A From Mexico, from Spain, from Columbia, and also
7 various cities in the United States.

8 Q And briefly, sir, what investigative techniques were
9 utilized when you began this investigation?

10 A We were using surveillance, wire taps, Title 3
11 Investigations, pin registers, and the usage of informants.

12 Q Now, at some point, did the targets of the
13 investigation change for Operation Padrino?

14 A Yes, they did.

15 Q To who?

16 A It changed from Jorge Fadalla to Miguel Felix-Gallardo
17 and Ramon Matta-Ballesteros.

18 Q Now, sir, on the basis of your 20 years as an agent,
19 is it unusual for this to occur that the focus of an
20 investigation change over time?

21 A Not at all.

22 Q Why is that, sir?

23 A Because once we start an investigation, at sometimes
24 we have to start it at some point where we feel that we
25 have a bona fide target.

1 In time, as we're going through an investigation,
2 we find a person of higher echelon, so we would then change
3 the target directory.

4 Q I'd like to direct your attention to approximately
5 June 22nd of 1984. At that time, are you in Los Angeles?

6 A Yes, sir, I am.

7 Q And were you involved in surveillance or investigation
8 for Operation Padrino?

9 A Yes, I was.

10 Q And can you tell us what occurred on this day?

11 A Yes. I received information that there were -- there
12 was a couple of people at a hotel in Anaheim, California,
13 that were associated with Miguel Felix-Gallarado. I had
14 surveillance initiated from the Santa Ana Field Division --
15 Field Office -- I'm sorry. They commenced surveillance at
16 about 2:00 o'clock that day. I joined them about 6:00
17 o'clock that night and was kept in frequent radio contact
18 throughout the whole surveillance.

19 Q Now, does any of this involve what is referred to as a
20 moving surveillance?

21 A Yes, it was.

22 Q What does that mean, briefly?

23 A It means from the hotel that we had targeted, a
24 subject left that hotel and was driving his vehicle out
25 towards another area.

1 Q Let me stop you there. As part of this investigation,
2 as of this date, June 22, 1984, had you ever heard of the
3 name of Frank Retamoza?

4 A Yes, I did.

5 Q In what way?

6 A I had pin registers. I think I had about six or seven
7 pin registers. That's recording telephones that are
8 outgoing from residences on about six or seven different
9 residences, and a lot of these residences were calling over
10 to Mr. Retamoza's house in Harbor City, California.

11 Q So by this date, you knew of this man?

12 A I knew of him, yes, sir.

13 Q Did you consider him part of this investigation?

14 A I considered him a -- basically one of the targets we
15 were looking at, sort of a typical person, because so many
16 people were calling him, and he in turn were calling other
17 people -- other persons.

18 Q Were you kept abreast of the status of the
19 surveillance during the day, June 22?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q At any point, do you learn anything?

22 A Yes. That the agent that was in charge of the Santa
23 Ana Office, advised me that they were going to stop a
24 vehicle in the Harbor City area off the freeway.

25 Q And was that, in fact, done?

1 A Yes, it was.

2 Q And the results of that traffic stop?

3 A The results were that the person that they stopped
4 consented to a search of his vehicle, and then in the trunk
5 was found a money counting machine.

6 Q As a result of that find, did that lead you anywhere
7 else as part of your investigation on this day?

8 A Yes. At that time, I was back to the original hotel
9 in Anaheim, California.

10 Q What occurred at that hotel, sir?

11 A At the hotel, while we were waiting for the other
12 agents and this person to return, I started looking at the
13 phone numbers that were dialed from the hotel rooms, and I
14 noticed that one of the numbers that were dialed belonged
15 to Frank Retamoza in Harbor City and also to a couple other
16 individuals that I had suspected at the time to be
17 involved.

18 Q At that point, did you learn the location of any
19 specific hotel rooms in that hotel?

20 A Yes. We had -- well, actually we had two hotel rooms
21 under surveillance. One was a double -- double hotel room,
22 suite-type, and there was another one not far, maybe about
23 on a lower floor, an upper floor.

24 Q So what happened on June 22, sir?

25 A When Frank Briggs returned with the subject -- I

1 believe his name was Felix, the last name of Felix -- we
2 gained permission from him to go into one of the hotel
3 rooms.

4 Q By the way, I take it -- is this Miguel Felix-Gallardo
5 or is this another Felix?

6 A It's another Felix. It was just some other person
7 with the same last name.

8 Q Go ahead. What happened?

9 A As we got into the hotel room, there were -- there was
10 a female and a young boy about seven years old. We asked
11 them who they were, and when the young boy repeated his
12 name, I knew immediately who his father was. He has the
13 same name as his father.

14 In looking around the room, there were a bunch of
15 boxes and duffel bags, and there was one orange nylon
16 duffel bag. You could actually see through it. It was
17 very thin, and the only thing we could see was just nothing
18 but money throughout that whole bag.

19 Q Did you have an opportunity to search this room?

20 A Yes. We had a -- the lady gave us a consent search of
21 the room, and in that room we found \$2.1 million.

22 Q Now, what's the next thing that occurs after you find
23 this money?

24 A We went right over to the other set of rooms, of
25 course, and we were not permitted to search. We had to

1 draw up a search warrant, so we stayed in the first room.
2 We just secured the second room and we were drawing up a
3 search warrant.

4 Q And this was to allow you to search that second room?

5 A Exactly.

6 Q So during, while you're waiting for this to be done,
7 does anything happen in the room?

8 A Yes. We received several phone calls.

9 Q Can you tell me about that?

10 A Yes. I received a call and I answered the phone, and
11 the person asked who it was, and I told him that it was
12 Antonio. And he wanted to know who I was, and I just said
13 a friend, and he sort of didn't say anything and he just
14 dropped the phone.

15 Q You mean hung up?

16 A Just hung up, I mean. And then about a couple minutes
17 later he called back again, and it was sort of like a
18 little bit more panicky, you know, who are you; and again I
19 just said a friend. The phone went down again and he
20 called a third time and really that was it. He wouldn't
21 call back anymore.

22 Q Now, did you ultimately learn the identity of that
23 person who was calling you?

24 A Yes, I did.

25 Q Who was that, sir?

1 A Frank Retamoza.

2 Q At any time, were you able to procure a search warrant
3 for the second hotel room?

4 A Yes, we did. That same night, about 2:00 o'clock in
5 the morning -- well, the next morning.

6 Q Did you execute that search warrant?

7 A Yes, we did.

8 Q What were the results of that search?

9 A Another \$2 million.

10 Q In what kind of container, if you recall?

11 A Again, they were in boxes, in suitcases. There were
12 some other documents there that we also seized from banks
13 throughout the nation.

14 Q Let me direct your attention now to approximately
15 August 14 of 1984. At that date, sir, are you still
16 involved with Operation Padrino?

17 A Yes, I was.

18 Q On this day, sir, was there any particular type of
19 seizure on August 14 of '84?

20 A There was a large cocaine seizure in Young, Arizona.

21 Q The quantity?

22 A It's about 1,400 pounds. A little bit over 1,400
23 pounds.

24 Q If I can direct your attention to about November 26th
25 of 1984. On this particular day, was there any type of

1 seizure as part of Operation Padrino?

2 A May I consult my notes for just a second on this?

3 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, may the witness refresh
4 his memory?

5 THE COURT: Go ahead.

6 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.

7 On the date again, sir? I'm sorry.

8 BY MR. MEDRANO:

9 Q November 26, '84?

10 A Yes. There was another large seizure in Kingman,
11 Arizona.

12 Q What quantity?

13 A About another 1,400 pounds of cocaine.

14 Q Finally, Agent Ricevuto, let me direct your attention
15 to about November 17 of 1984. Are you still working
16 Operation Padrino?

17 A Yes, I am.

18 Q Are you still targeting Matta and Felix?

19 A Yes, I am.

20 Q Up to this point, sir, all the seizures that you've
21 described, were they affiliated with the Matta and Felix
22 organization?

23 A Yes, they were. What we found in both seizures were
24 common packaging. The packaging had on the kilogram
25 packages, as they were wrapped, they had a golden llama

1 imprinted on them. So they're like a trademark-type. And
2 that's how we were able to distinguish that all these
3 seizures were connected.

4 Q Finally, if I can direct your attention to on or about
5 November 17 of 1984. Was there any type of additional
6 currency seizure on that day as part of Operation Padrino?

7 A Yes, sir. We seized a small quantity of cocaine,
8 about nine or ten pounds, on that day. Again, the
9 packaging was the same. We continued because we had been
10 doing some extra surveillance, and we seized \$3.5 million
11 in West Covina, California.

12 Q And again, part of Operation Padrino?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 MR. MEDRANO: If I may have just one moment, Your
15 Honor. I believe I'm done.

16 (Government counsel confer.)

17 THE COURT: Yes.

18 MR. MEDRANO: Thank you, Your Honor.

19 MR. MEDVENE: I have no questions.

20 MR. RUBIN: No questions.

21 THE COURT: You may step down.

22 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 (Witness excused.)

24 THE COURT: Call the next witness.

25 MR. CARLTON: The government calls Eugene

1 Hollestelle.

2 (Witness summoned to courtroom.)

3 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

4 EUGENE HOLLESTELLE, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

7 State your full name for the record and spell your
8 last name.

9 THE WITNESS: Eugene J. Hollestelle,
10 H-O-L-L-E-S-T-E-L-L-E.

11 DIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. CARLTON:

13 Q Mr. Hollestelle, how old are you?

14 A Thirty-six.

15 Q And what is your present employment?

16 A Roofing salesman.

17 Q Do you know an individual named Donald Walters?

18 A Yes.

19 Q When did you first meet him?

20 A April of 1983.

21 Q Where was that?

22 A In Los Angeles, at the South Coast Plaza down in Costa
23 Mesa.

24 Q Did you go to another location and meet with him at
25 that time?

1 A Yes, I did, at his home.

2 Q Where was that located?

3 A In Huntington Beach.

4 Q And what did you discuss during this meeting?

5 A Off loading of marijuana from airplanes.

6 Q Was an offer of employment made to you?

7 A Yes, it was.

8 Q And what were you asked to do?

9 A Just to drive a truck out, unload the planes, and
10 bring the trucks back full of marijuana.

11 Q Drive out to where?

12 A At that time, we had a small strip set up out in
13 Parker, Arizona.

14 Q Who was operating these airplanes?

15 A Donald Walters.

16 Q Now, did you participate in off loading one of these
17 aircrafts?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q Do you recall when that occurred?

20 A It was late April or early May of 1983.

21 Q And how much marijuana was involved on that occasion?

22 A I believe there was between 900 and 1,000 pounds on
23 that occasion.

24 Q And did you learn who this marijuana was obtained
25 from?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Who was that?

3 A Rene Verdugo.

4 Q Now, did you and Mr. Walters discuss any other
5 mechanisms for bringing in marijuana?

6 A Yes, we did, after that first load.

7 Q Do you know where the first load came from?

8 A No, I'm not familiar with that.

9 Q Okay. And what were your discussions with Mr. Walters
10 about other mechanisms for bringing in the marijuana?

11 A What we decided to do was to obtain a helicopter to
12 start bringing it in.

13 Q And what did you do in furtherance of that plan?

14 A Mr. Walters put in a lot of time searching for a
15 helicopter. We also stopped at the Long Beach Airport
16 where they keep a search and rescue helicopter, the
17 Sheriff's Department does, and we looked through that and
18 decided that would suit our purposes.

19 Q And Mr. Walters was a pilot?

20 A Yes, he was.

21 Q Why was it you wanted to use a helicopter instead of
22 an airplane?

23 A It would be easier if some sort of surveillance, we
24 could go ahead, set down right where we were at with a
25 minimum of area, and get away from the helicopter, and make

1 it a lot easier.

2 Q Were you looking for a helicopter with a certain cargo
3 capacity?

4 A Yes. We wanted something a good size that we could
5 fit a ton or better in.

6 Q Now, did you ever meet Rene Verdugo?

7 A Yes, I did.

8 Q I'd ask you to look at Exhibit 114, if you would.
9 Would you hold that up?

10 Do you recognize that?

11 A Yes, that's Rene Verdugo.

12 MR. CARLTON: Move its admission, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

14 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 114 received.)

15 BY MR. CARLTON:

16 Q When did you first meet him?

17 You can put the photograph down.

18 A I believe June or July of 1983.

19 Q Do you recall where that was?

20 A Yes, in a restaurant in San Pedro.

21 Q Was anyone else present?

22 A Myself, Rene Verdugo, Teresa Verdugo, and Donald
23 Walters.

24 Q What was the discussion that evening?

25 A What Rene Verdugo had done was brought some money up,

1 I guess, to pay for the helicopter. Mr. Walters located a
2 helicopter at that point in time.

3 Q Do you know where Rene Verdugo lived?

4 A Yes, in Mexicali.

5 Q And did you take this briefcase somewhere else?

6 A Yes, we did.

7 Q Where did you go?

8 A To Mr. Walters' home in San Pedro.

9 Q And what was done with the briefcase at that point?

10 A At that point, I don't remember whether it was that
11 evening or the next morning that we counted the money that
12 was in the briefcase, then it was taken by Patricia
13 Scialampo and I never saw it after that.

14 Q How much money was in the briefcase?

15 A I believe there were \$500,000 in the briefcase.

16 Q Who was Patricia Scialampo?

17 A Mr. Walters' secretary.

18 Q This money was for the purpose of buying a helicopter?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Now, were you ever involved in purchasing cashier's
21 checks in relation to this?

22 A Yes.

23 Q When was that?

24 A I believe that began in probably late July, early
25 August, and went at least until mid September of 1983.

1 Q And what was the total value of the cashier's checks
2 that you purchased?

3 A \$375,000.

4 Q And where did you get the money to purchase these
5 cashier's checks?

6 A It was my understanding it was from the briefcase.

7 Q What were you to do with these cashier's checks?

8 A They were taken to a place called Dick Sawyer
9 International to purchase the helicopter.

10 Q Now, did you actually go to Dick Sawyer International
11 to purchase a helicopter?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Where was that located?

14 A Yukon, Oklahoma.

15 Q When did you go there?

16 A I believe it was late September or barely October of
17 1983.

18 Q Were you going there to buy a specific helicopter?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And who picked it out?

21 A Donald Walters.

22 Q Do you know what kind of a helicopter it was?

23 A Yes, it was a Scorskey S-58-T.

24 Q What was the purchase price for that helicopter?

25 A \$425,000.

1 Q When you went to Oklahoma to Dick Sawyer
2 International, did you go there with the full purchase
3 price.

4 A No. I made a number of trips there.

5 Q On the first trip, how much money did you take?

6 A I believe that time I brought \$25,000 in cash and half
7 of the cashier's checks.

8 Q Did you ever return with the balance of the purchase
9 price?

10 A Yes, I did.

11 Q And did anyone go with you?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Who was that?

14 A Ted Cash.

15 Q What was his involvement in all of this?

16 A He was going to be a pilot for that helicopter. At
17 that point in time, Mr. Walters didn't know how to fly
18 helicopters yet. He was just a fixed wing pilot.

19 Q And what was done when you got to Dick Sawyer
20 International on this occasion?

21 A There were some improvements that Mr. Cash wanted
22 made, an extra fuel tank, some other little improvements
23 that he wanted done, so he pointed those out. We tested
24 the helicopter.

25 Q Now, did you later see this same helicopter in

1 Arizona?

2 A Yes.

3 Q About when was that?

4 A About November of 1983.

5 Q And where was it in Arizona that you saw the
6 helicopter?

7 A Out by Stanfield, Arizona.

8 Q Now, what was to be your role in the use of this
9 helicopter?

10 A I was to be the ground crew leader. That meant that I
11 made sure that the trucks got there. I unloaded the
12 helicopter out to the trucks. And generally took charge of
13 the operation on this side of the border.

14 Q Where was this helicopter supposed to pick up the
15 marijuana?

16 A I believe it was Corborca.

17 Q In Mexico?

18 A Mexico, yes.

19 Q And did you develop a location where it was to land
20 and drop off the marijuana?

21 A Yes, we did.

22 Q Where was that?

23 A Near Stanfield, Arizona.

24 Q Did you assist in locating that?

25 A Yes.

1 Q What was your plan as far as the off loading of this
2 marijuana was to proceed? How did your operation work?

3 A What we would do is we had radios in our trucks. The
4 trucks would proceed out to the spot, and then when Mr.
5 Walters was coming in, he would mention a prearranged code,
6 and at that time, we would light up a red flare so that he
7 could find us, and then the helicopter would set down, I
8 would open the door and begin to throw the bales of
9 marijuana out the door. And other gentlemen would load it
10 into the trucks, and we would refuel the helicopter at that
11 same time, and then drive the trucks out, back to Tucson.

12 Q What kind of trucks where these?

13 A There was an '87 Chevy -- '78 Chevy, a '76 Chevy, and
14 we had a '79 Ford pickup.

15 Q And were they arranged in some particular formation to
16 make the off loading easier?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Well, how much marijuana could the helicopter carry?

19 A These were between three and 4,000 pounds per trip.

20 Q And were you to be paid for all of this?

21 A Yes.

22 Q How was your pay --

23 A I was --

24 Q -- calculated?

25 A I was paid \$7,500 per load.

1 Q How many loads were you involved with?

2 A Thirty to forty.

3 Q Now, if you would, please, look at what has been
4 marked as Exhibit 115-B. Do you recognize that?

5 A Yes.

6 Q What is that?

7 A This is the helicopter that we used to fly the
8 marijuana in.

9 Q Please show that to the jury.

10 You can put it down. Thank you.

11 When did this helicopter operation begin, begin
12 operating?

13 A November of 1983.

14 Q And between that period and Christmas of 1983, do you
15 recall how many loads of marijuana were brought in?

16 A Nine or fifteen, I don't remember which. There were
17 two periods there. I've --

18 Q After the marijuana was off loaded into the pickup
19 trucks, what would the trucks do?

20 A They would drive out of the desert back to the house
21 in Tucson.

22 Q And was the marijuana temporarily stored there before
23 being distributed elsewhere?

24 A Yes.

25 Q When the marijuana arrived and was placed in the stash

1 house, would you notify Donald Walters?

2 A Yes.

3 Q How would you do that?

4 A I'd call him at Rene Verdugo's house in Mexicali.

5 Q Now, did you ever speak with Rene Verdugo about this
6 marijuana you were receiving?

7 A Yes, a few times.

8 Q And what was his source for this marijuana?

9 A From my understanding, it was Rafael Caro-Quintero.

10 Q After Christmas of 1983, did you continue in this
11 helicopter smuggling operation?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And between then and say late February, about how many
14 loads did you bring in?

15 A Well, as I was saying earlier, it was either nine or
16 15. I don't remember whether we did nine before Christmas
17 and 15 after, or 15 before Christmas and nine after. It
18 was one of those two figures.

19 Q Um-um. And at that point, was the helicopter used to
20 bring in some marijuana from Thailand?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Eventually was the helicopter used again to bring in
23 more loads from Mexico?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And when did it resume doing that?

1 A September, 1984.

2 Q How many additional loads of marijuana were you
3 involved in at that point?

4 A I would say there's probably another 12 to 15 at that
5 point.

6 Q Did you ever met an individual named Manuella
7 Caro-Quintero?

8 A Yes.

9 Q When was that?

10 A In the summer of 1984.

11 Q Who was she?

12 A Rafael Caro-Quintero's sister.

13 Q What was the occasion of your meeting her?

14 A She was up here to do some shopping for a boutique she
15 had recently purchased in Guadalajara.

16 Q Who introduced you to her?

17 A Donald Walters.

18 Q And did you speak with Rene Verdugo about her?

19 A Yes.

20 Q What did he tell you about her?

21 A He just asked me to take care of her because it was
22 the big guy's sister.

23 Q Who did you understand the "big guy" to refer to?

24 A Rafael Caro-Quintero.

25 Q Mr. Hollestelle, were you arrested and convicted in

1 relation to this smuggling operation?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And what was your sentence?

4 A Three years probation.

5 Q Do you have any other convictions?

6 A Yes.

7 Q What for?

8 A Cocaine, possession of cocaine.

9 Q And did you have an agreement with the government in
10 relation to your testimony?

11 A No.

12 Q Did you participate in selling some of the marijuana
13 that was brought in from Mexico?

14 A Yes, I did.

15 Q Did you profit from that?

16 A Yes, I did.

17 Q You've been involved in drug dealings since you were
18 14 years old?

19 A Yes.

20 MR. CARLTON: One moment, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Yes.

22 (Government counsel confer.)

23 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, I would move in Exhibit
24 115-B at this point.

25 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

1 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 115-B received.)

2 MR. CARLTON: I have nothing further.

3 THE COURT: You may cross-examine the witness.

4 MR. MEDVENE: No questions, Your Honor.

5 MR. RUBIN: Briefly, Your Honor.

6 CROSS-EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. RUBIN:

8 Q Mr. Hollestelle, your conviction for conspiracy to
9 possess marijuana with intent to distribute was in 1986; is
10 that correct?

11 A No, 1987.

12 Q Okay. You were arrested in '86 and the conviction was
13 in '87; is that correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And that's the conviction that you received the
16 three-year probationary sentence for?

17 A Yes.

18 Q When did you first agree to cooperate and give
19 information to the government with regard to your drug
20 trafficking activities?

21 A August of 1987.

22 Q Was that before or after you were sentenced on the --

23 A Before.

24 Q -- marijuana conviction?

25 A Before. It was before I was sentenced.

1 Q And was your probationary sentence part of an
2 agreement with the government where they made a
3 recommendation for probation because you agreed to testify?

4 A I have no way of knowing why they did what they did.
5 I didn't have any sort of an agreement at all. There was
6 no agreement to recommend probation or anything else. I
7 was kind of flying blind.

8 Q At your sentencing, did the government recommend
9 probation for you as your sentence?

10 A I don't remember.

11 Q And at the same time you agreed to help the
12 government, the government also started paying you money;
13 isn't that true?

14 A Yes.

15 Q In fact, for the year 1987, after you had just been
16 convicted for drug trafficking, they paid you \$7,150; is
17 that correct?

18 A Yes, but a lot of that was for travel back and forth
19 to talk with them and be debriefed.

20 Q And some of it was for information, wasn't it?

21 A No.

22 Q Now, as part of your agreement with the government to
23 cooperate with them, did you understand that you weren't to
24 commit any further crimes?

25 A I don't understand what you're saying.

1 Q Well, when you and the government agreed that you
2 would help them in this case and testify, did they explain
3 to you that your drug trafficking days are over and you
4 weren't to commit any other crimes?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And despite that, isn't it true that you were then
7 convicted on yet another drug charge in 1990; true?

8 A Wrong.

9 Q When was your cocaine conviction?

10 A 1984.

11 Q Were you found guilty in 1990 of any crime?

12 A No.

13 Q Now, at any of these meetings that you had concerning
14 the importation of the marijuana, did you ever meet Dr.
15 Humberto Alvarez-Machain?

16 A No.

17 Q Ever speak to him?

18 A No.

19 MR. RUBIN: No further questions.

20 MR. CARLTON: Nothing further, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: You may step down.

22 (Witness excused.)

23 THE COURT: Next witness.

24 MR. CARLTON: The government calls Lawrence
25 Harrison.

1 (Witness summoned to courtroom.)

2 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

3 LAWRENCE HARRISON, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

4 THE WITNESS: I do.

5 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

6 State your full name for the record and spell your
7 last name.

8 THE WITNESS: Lawrence Victor Harrison.

9 THE CLERK: You may be seated.

10 THE WITNESS: My name is Lawrence Victor Harrison.

11 H-A-R-R-I-S-O-N.

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. CARLTON:

14 Q Mr. Harrison, how old are you?

15 A I'm 48.

16 Q Now, were you born with the name Lawrence Victor
17 Harrison?

18 A No, I was not.

19 Q Is that a name that you adopted at some point?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q When was that?

22 A 1965, I believe.

23 Q And have you used it pretty continuously since then?

24 A Yes, I have.

25 Q In all of your dealings?

1 A Yes, I have.

2 Q You are an American citizen?

3 A Yes, I am.

4 Q Did you attend colleges and universities here in the
5 United States?

6 A Yes, sir, I did.

7 Q Were you formally enrolled in any of those?

8 A No, I was not.

9 Q Pardon me?

10 A No, I was not.

11 Q And at some point, did you travel to Mexico?

12 A Yes, I did.

13 Q When did you first travel to Mexico?

14 A 1968.

15 Q Did you travel to and from Mexico periodically after
16 that?

17 A From then until 1971, yes.

18 Q What happened in 1971?

19 A I became a full time resident of Mexico.

20 Q And how long thereafter did you live in Mexico?

21 A I stayed in Mexico until the latter part of 1989.

22 Q How did you support yourself when you first moved to
23 Mexico?

24 A When I first moved to Mexico, I obtained employment as
25 a law clerk for an attorney in the City of Guadalajara, and

1 I worked with him until 1976.

2 Q So this was 1971 to 1976?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q And in 1986, what was your work?

5 A In 1986?

6 Q '76, I'm sorry.

7 A In 1976 I began to work for a social service law
8 office of the C.N.O.P., which is an organ of the P.R.I.
9 Political Party in Mexico.

10 Q Can you explain for the ladies and gentlemen of the
11 jury what the P.R.I. is?

12 First of all, is that an acronym for something
13 else?

14 A That's an acronym for the Institution of Revolutionary
15 Party. It's the dominant major political party in Mexico.

16 Q And you stated that you worked for the C.N.O.P. What
17 is that?

18 A That's is an organism, one of three sections of the
19 P.R.I. Party. They have a Farmer's Section, a Worker's
20 Section, and a Popular Section, and that is the Popular
21 Section. That's the organization that represents all of
22 those members of the Party that are not either farmers or
23 workers.

24 Q What was it that you did for the C.N.O.P.?

25 A I worked in their law office doing law cases for -- at

1 no charge -- for the members of the leagues of the C.N.O.P.

2 Q So you were working as a lawyer at this point?

3 A Yes, I was.

4 Q Was it necessary at that time to be licensed as a
5 lawyer in Mexico?

6 A It was not. There were many people that worked
7 without licenses. Even today, 80 percent of Mexican
8 attorneys are not licensed.

9 Q Now, if you worked for no pay for the C.N.O.P., how
10 did you make a living?

11 A Well, we were allowed to charge expenses on some cases
12 which covered our living expenses on some cases, especially
13 if we had to go outside the city; and besides that, I had
14 my own clients.

15 Q How long did you continue to do that kind of work?

16 A I worked at that office until the latter part of 19 --
17 the first part of 1980. The latter part of 1979.

18 Q What did you do then?

19 A I moved to Acapulco.

20 Q And what was the reason for moving to Acapulco?

21 A I had purchased a home there in 1974, which I had been
22 renting out, and I decided to go and live in it.

23 Q What did you do with your law practice when you went
24 to live in Acapulco?

25 A Left it in the hands of the law clerks who were

1 working at that time for me. The C.N.O.P. had moved out of
2 that office by that time, and they were working for me. I
3 left it in their hands.

4 Q Did you eventually return to Guadalajara?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q When was that?

7 A It was 1980.

8 Q And why did you return to Guadalajara?

9 A I was bored. I didn't have anything -- I found
10 nothing to do in Acapulco, and I wanted to get back to
11 doing something. So I returned. I was also worried about
12 my law office, so I returned to Guadalajara.

13 Q Did you intend on resuming your law practice?

14 A It wasn't my intention to exactly resume it. I went
15 back to Guadalajara to find out what else I could do.

16 Q Were you able, in fact, to resume your law practice?

17 A For two or three weeks, yes, but the situation had
18 changed a great deal. I had some problems with the
19 government and I decided not.

20 Q Not to do it?

21 A Um-um.

22 Q So you closed the office?

23 A Yes, I closed the office.

24 Q And did you then decide upon another avenue of
25 employment?

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q What was that?

3 A I offered my services as an electronics coordinator to
4 the various police agencies in the City of Guadalajara and
5 the federal agencies trying to get a job.

6 Q How was it you decided to become involved in
7 electronics at this time?

8 A I had always had an interest in electronics, and I had
9 installed my own radio system in Guadalajara, which the
10 police agencies had seen and appreciated, and so it was
11 kind of a natural thing for me to do, to offer those
12 services to them.

13 Q And how did you go about offering your services to
14 these police agencies?

15 A Well, one of the agencies with which I had had
16 problems as an attorney was the Secretaria De Gobernacion,
17 so it was natural for me to offer my services to them.
18 They wanted me to continue being an attorney. I didn't
19 want to continue being an attorney on the terms that they
20 had offered me, so I said, "Instead of this, I'll fix your
21 radios for you," and I also circulated a resume'.

22 Q What other agencies did you solicit this way?

23 A I solicited the State Judicial Police of the State of
24 Jalisco, the Federal Judicial Police, the Federal Highway
25 Patrol.

1 Q Did any of these agencies take you up on your
2 solicitation?

3 A I received work with officials of the State Police
4 Department and with comandantes of the Federal Security
5 Directorate.

6 Q And specifically, in the Federal Security Directorate,
7 is that the same as the D.F.S.?

8 A That is the D.F.S.

9 Q Specifically, who with the D.F.S. did you work with?

10 A The first work I was given was by Comandante Emilio
11 Escandon, who was the comandante of Durango, of the
12 detachment in Durango, and from there I was given work with
13 Comandante Martinez, who was the head of the office in
14 Guadalajara.

15 Q What kind of work did you do for them?

16 A Just maintaining repeater systems and radio systems
17 that they already had installed. I also fixed some TV's
18 for them, and other electronic work as they asked me to do
19 it.

20 Q How long did you continue to provide this kind of
21 electronic work to the D.F.S. in Guadalajara?

22 A Well, I eventually performed the same type of work for
23 other comandantes of the D.F.S., and other organizations of
24 the Secretary of the Interior in other parts of Mexico.
25 But I continued more or less on a full time basis as an

1 electronics technician for the government until 1984.

2 Q Now, are you familiar with another organization known
3 as the I.P.S.?

4 A Yes, I am.

5 Q What is that?

6 A In Spanish, that means Investigaciones Politicos y
7 Sociales. It means the political and social investigations
8 unit of the Secretary of the Interior.

9 Originally the I.P.S. was to investigate political
10 crimes and the D.F.S. was to execute the orders of arrest
11 or containment, or whatever the orders that would be given,
12 pursuant to the investigation made by the I.P.S. But the
13 truth is they traded these duties off.

14 Q At some point, did you perform electronics work for
15 persons associated with the I.P.S.?

16 A Yes, I did.

17 Q When did you begin doing that?

18 A Well, I did it on a piecemeal basis in Matamoros. One
19 time in Tapic, Nayarit, but I did it on a full time basis
20 in Guadalajara from 1983 until 1984.

21 Q While you were working for the F.D.S. and the I.P.S.,
22 were you issued any credentials by these agencies?

23 A Yes, I was given credentials by the local comandante
24 for which I worked.

25 Q What kind of credentials did you receive?

1 A I was given what are known as Oficio De Comision.
2 They are local -- they are papers signed by the local
3 comandante. Your picture is put on it, a seal is sealed
4 over your picture, and it says that you have been appointed
5 to duties with that local comandante.

6 Q Were there any other kinds of credentials?

7 A There were credentials issued through Mexico City on a
8 special machine. They had to have a photograph on them.
9 They are much like the machine that issues the driver's
10 licenses here in California. It's a machine that the
11 credential comes altogether in plastic.

12 Q Do you know an individual named Ernesto Fonseca?

13 A Yes, I do.

14 Q And when did you first meet him?

15 A I met him in 1981, the latter part of 1980 or the
16 first part of 1981.

17 Q I should ask, during the time period that you lived in
18 Mexico, did you become fluent in Spanish?

19 A Yes, I did.

20 Q Would you please look at what has been marked as
21 Exhibit 105.

22 A This is -- yes, I'm looking at it.

23 Q Would you please show that to the ladies and gentlemen
24 of the jury.

25 Do you recognize that photograph?

1 A This is Ernesto Fonseca-Carrillo.

2 Q Thank you.

3 MR. CARLTON: Move admission of 105, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

5 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 105 received.)

6 THE COURT: Do not ask the witness to display
7 before it is.

8 MR. CARLTON: Thank you.

9 BY MR. CARLTON:

10 Q Did you eventually come to work for Ernesto Fonseca?

11 A I was originally ordered to Mr. Fonseca's house. I
12 was told by the -- by Comandante Martinez that they were
13 companeros, that means colleagues, part of the same
14 organization. They told me that they had some kind of a
15 problem with their radios and I was sent there to fix their
16 communication problem.

17 Q And do you recall when this was?

18 A This was in the first part of 1981, the last part of
19 1980. I had only been with Comandante Martinez a few weeks
20 when I was told to go to this house.

21 Q And did you, in fact, go to that house?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q Where was it located?

24 A It was in the Colonia Las Fuentes. The address is
25 Circunvalacion; that's C-I-R-C-U-N-V-A-L-A-C-I-O-N, SUR,

1 that's S-U-R, 113.

2 Q When you got there, what was it that you did?

3 A Well, they had a radio system -- they had a VHF radio
4 system installed which wasn't working, and they also had a
5 high frequency ship-to-shore radio system that they had
6 installed in their home, and tried to communicate with
7 ranches and other properties that they had within the State
8 of Jalisco.

9 Q Did you fix that system?

10 A I couldn't. I fixed the VHF system. The
11 ship-to-shore system was totally inadequate for the place
12 where it was. It was poorly installed, poorly maintained.
13 It was impossible for me to repair it, and I advised them
14 that I didn't think they should repair it anyway since the
15 only frequencies that it had were the mobile stations of
16 the telephone company and the U.S. Coast Guard.

17 Q Now, did you do any more work for Ernesto Fonseca
18 after that incident?

19 A Well, he kept me at his home full time after that. He
20 had me fixing his television sets, and his wife's reducing
21 machine, and a lot of other electronic work, and
22 maintaining the repair of the VHF system that had been
23 installed there.

24 Q At some point, did you return to the United States?

25 A Yes, in 19 -- I believe it was the latter part of 1982

1 and the first part of 1983. I'm not sure on the dates of
2 that, but I --

3 Q Was this additional work for Ernesto Fonseca that you
4 just described performed before you went to the United
5 States or after, after your return?

6 A It was both before and after, because I was ordered
7 back to his house, and I also joined his organization after
8 I returned from the United States also, so it was before
9 and after.

10 Q When was it that you returned from the United States
11 to Guadalajara?

12 A The first part of 1983.

13 Q Do you know an individual Serjio Espino-Verdin?

14 A Yes, I do.

15 Q How do you know him?

16 A I had known him early on in 1982 as an agent working
17 in the northern part of the country, of the D.F.S., and I
18 saw him again in 1983. He told me that he had just been
19 appointed coordinator of the Office of Gobernacion, that's
20 Secretary of the Interior in Guadalajara, and specifically
21 as the comandante of the I.P.S. Office.

22 Q And you were still working for the I.P.S. Office at
23 that time?

24 A I had just returned from the United States, and I been
25 given a lot of television sets to repair by Ernesto

1 Fonseca's brother, and I was also doing piecemeal work for
2 the I.P.S. -- not the I.P.S., but the D.F.S. -- in other
3 parts of the country.

4 Q If you would look at what has been marked as Exhibit
5 119.

6 Do you recognize that?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q What is it?

9 A It's a photograph of Comandante Serjio Espino-Verdin.

10 MR. CARLTON: Move admission of 119, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

12 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 119 received.)

13 BY MR. CARLTON:

14 Q At some point, did Comandante Espino give you some
15 orders in relation to Fonseca?

16 A Yes. He told me as soon as he had assumed the
17 comandante, he told me that I should go over to their
18 house, that they were having communication troubles again,
19 that they wanted a new radio system installed, that they
20 weren't satisfied with the old one that they had.

21 Q Now, at this point in time, was Comandante Espino your
22 superior within the I.P.S.?

23 A Yes. He had taken control. He had taken charge of
24 the I.P.S. Office in Guadalajara. He had asked me to join
25 him.

1 Q At about that same time, had you been approached by
2 someone from Fonseca's group?

3 A Yes. Within a matter of weeks he asked me to go to
4 their house. On almost the same day that he asked me to go
5 to their house, I was approached by one of Mr. Fonseca's
6 workers who asked me if I would be willing to join their
7 organization.

8 Q And did you do so?

9 A Well, I did so, but I continued to report to
10 Comandante Espino-Verdin. He said, "Yes, go ahead and do
11 it, just keep me informed of what they are doing," even
12 though he was a member of their organization, also. During
13 the time that he wasn't there, he told me, "You watch and
14 you tell me what they are doing." He also had me do some
15 extra work for them at their house.

16 Q Where was it that you went to work for Ernesto
17 Fonseca?

18 A Originally, I returned to the house at Circunvalacion
19 Sur.

20 Q And eventually did you move into one of Ernesto
21 Fonseca's residences?

22 A Yes. Mr. Fonseca almost immediately changed to a
23 residence at the corner of Obsidiana, that's
24 O-B-S-I-D-I-A-N-A, and Cuarzo, C-U-A-R-Z-O in Residencial
25 La Victoria in Guadalajara, and I moved in. I was ordered

1 to attend him 24 hours a day at that house.

2 Q Did you live there full time?

3 A Twenty-four hours a day.

4 Q How long did you live there?

5 A I lived there for three or four months.

6 Q And generally during what period; do you recall?

7 A This was during the middle part of 1983. It was -- I
8 had a birthday there. I had only been there a short amount
9 of time. I was born in September. I left that house in
10 January or February of the next year which was 1984.

11 Q After leaving that house, did you continue to work for
12 Ernesto Fonseca?

13 A Yes. I continued to work for Ernesto Fonseca. I had
14 already installed a radio system. It was impossible for me
15 to just leave it. He wouldn't let me.

16 Q How long did you continue to work for Ernesto Fonseca?

17 A I continued to work for Ernesto Fonseca and for the
18 government until September the 11th of 1984.

19 Q Let's talk about this radio system. Did you actually
20 create a radio system for Ernesto Fonseca?

21 A I designed it, created it, installed it, and
22 maintained it.

23 Q When did you begin your design work?

24 A In July of 1983, more or less. I did the original
25 work. It took me about a month to work up the plans and do

1 the admittance studies, and I purchased the components in
2 August, I think.

3 Q When was it completed, essentially?

4 A Well, it was essentially never completed. It was
5 installed and working, but it was a system that I was
6 adding components on to all the time, and essentially I
7 suppose it's one of those things that you make that's
8 never, ever completed. I mean, it was working. It was
9 installed and functioning, but I still had plans for it.

10 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, would this be a good
11 time for the afternoon break?

12 THE COURT: We'll take our afternoon recess at
13 this time.

14 THE CLERK: Please rise. This Court stands in
15 recess.

16 (Recess taken.)

17 (Jury in.)

18 THE COURT: Where is the other witness?

19 MR. MEDRANO: With the Court's permission, Your
20 Honor, Mr. Gomez is an agent from out-of-state. We wanted
21 to take him out of order. He's on and off in five minutes,
22 and that way we can --

23 THE COURT: All right.

24 MR. MEDRANO: If that's all right with the Court?

25 THE COURT: That's fine.

1 MR. MEDRANO: Then we will recontinue with
2 Mr. Harrison. Thank you.

3 (Witness summoned to courtroom.)

4 THE COURT: Swear the witness.

5 THE CLERK: Please stand and raise your right
6 hand.

7 THOMAS GOMEZ, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

8 THE WITNESS: I do.

9 THE CLERK: Please be seated.
10 State your full name for the record and spell your
11 last name.

12 THE WITNESS: My name is Thomas Gomez, G-O-M-E-Z.

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. MEDRANO:

15 Q Mr. Gomez, are you a D.E.A. agent?

16 A Yes, I am.

17 Q Currently assigned to what city?

18 A I'm stationed in Tucson, Arizona.

19 Q How long have you been with the D.E.A.?

20 A Approximately 17 years.

21 Q At any point, sir, did you have an opportunity to
22 serve in Guadalajara in the latter part of 1984?

23 A Yes, sir, I did, from October 14th to November 14th,
24 1984.

25 Q And your purpose in being there, Agent Gomez?

1 A I was sent there to follow some suspects in the City
2 of Guadalajara. I was sent there to photograph them,
3 record their radio transmissions, and attempt to identify
4 any associates of these traffickers.

5 Q Can you tell me who you are talking about?

6 A Miguel Angel Felix-Gallardo, Ernesto Fonseca, Rafael
7 Caro-Quintero, and Ramon Matta-Ballesteros.

8 Q In addition, sir, where there any particular areas
9 that you were trying to focus on in Guadalajara in doing
10 this surveillance?

11 A Yes. There were several areas that I concentrated on.
12 One was the La Langosta restaurant owned by an individual
13 named Cochiloco, Manuel Salcido-Uzueta, the Guadalajara
14 International Airport, the private hangers belonging to
15 Felix-Gallardo and Rafael Caro-Quintero, a motel called Las
16 Americas Royal Suites, and a communications center in the
17 neighborhood area of Guadalajara that belonged to
18 Felix-Gallardo.

19 Q During this time frame that you've described, you did
20 surveillance work in those particular areas?

21 A Yes, sir, I did.

22 Q Now, if I can direct your attention to that same
23 timeframe, did you ever have an opportunity to do some
24 surveillance at the Guadalajara Airport?

25 A Yes, sir, I did. Multiple times I went to the

1 airport.

2 Q Can I ask you, sir, not to speak directly into the
3 mic. Maybe stand back just a couple of inches.

4 THE COURT: The mic should be to your left.

5 THE WITNESS: Okay.

6 THE COURT: You don't need to lean over it.

7 THE WITNESS: All right.

8 BY MR. MEDRANO:

9 Q And I'm sorry I interrupted you.

10 A Multiple times I -- I went to the Guadalajara Airport
11 and conducted surveillance there.

12 Q And as part of your general surveillance, did you ever
13 see Felix-Gallardo?

14 A Yes. After about one week after I arrived there, I
15 was in a Cessna 210 aircraft with a pilot named Alfredo
16 Zavala, Agent Kiki Camarena, and we were taxing out, and a
17 jet was taxing in. We criss-crossed each other, and I made
18 eye contact with Felix-Gallardo. He was on the right-front
19 seat of the jet. That's the first time I laid eyes on him
20 and he had observed me.

21 Q Was there a second time, Agent Gomez?

22 A The second time was at the communication center. He
23 was getting out of his car with several other individuals
24 around him. They were carrying weapons, long armed
25 weapons, what appeared to be bodyguards for Mr. Gallardo.

1 The third time I saw him was at the Cessna hanger
2 of the airport on November 14th, about 11:00 o'clock in the
3 morning.

4 Q I'd like to focus on that last occasion that you
5 described.

6 How did you get to the airport?

7 A I was driving a rental car, and I paid a guard. I
8 was -- I had paid several times before that. I would pay
9 him "X" amount of dollars to allow me access into that
10 controlled area, and I entered.

11 Q Were you alone on this day?

12 A No, I had a junior partner that I instructed to
13 photograph the interior of the hangers as I drove by
14 slowly.

15 Q And was this done?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Did anything happened while the photographs were being
18 taken?

19 A As my partner was photographing, I was driving real
20 slow in front of the hangers. Felix-Gallardo was standing
21 to the left of the vehicle I was driving, and he observed
22 what we were doing.

23 Q How close did you come?

24 A He was within five feet. We both startled each other.
25 I then advised my partner, "Let's get out of here."

1 Q Your partner's name, by the way?

2 A Hector Sanchez.

3 Q What happened next?

4 A I drove away, and I saw Felix run into the hanger, and
5 a black, approximately '82 Chevrolet car, came after us;
6 and I drove to the public section of the airport.

7 Q Now, before leaving that hanger area, were you able to
8 look into the hanger?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Could you tell me what you saw in that hanger before
11 you departed?

12 A There were several aircraft, an Aero Commander,
13 Felix's vehicle that I had seen him in before, several
14 people meandering inside.

15 Q What type of vehicle, by the way?

16 A It was a gold Mercury Marquis.

17 Q Take up from there. What happened next?

18 A The black Chevrolet followed us. I accelerated to a
19 high rate of speed. It kept up. There were two
20 individuals in it. I decided to evade these individuals or
21 avoid contact. I parked the vehicle I was driving and went
22 into the Guadalajara Airport where there was a lot of
23 people to avoid these people that were following us from
24 the hanger.

25 Q To go to the airport from the hanger, did you drive at

1 a fast rate of speed?

2 A Yes, sir. I had to drive up to the main highway, and
3 then back into the airport, and I went as fast as I could,
4 and I saw that this vehicle was obviously in a chase after
5 us.

6 Q What happens next?

7 A Inside the airport, we hid among shops and among
8 groups of people, pockets of people. Twenty minutes later
9 I attempted to leave again with my partner, and as I was
10 getting into the car, I saw those same individuals in the
11 black car turn their heads, and they started their engine,
12 so I decided it wasn't safe then to leave. We went back
13 into the airport.

14 At that time, I spotted the gold Mercury Marquis.
15 Two more individuals, and at that point they started to
16 follow us into the airport.

17 Q So what happens now that you and the agent are in the
18 airport?

19 A During this entry into the airport, these individuals
20 were following us. They had bulges under their suit coats.
21 They were holding on to what I felt were weapon or had seen
22 to be weapons prior, so we avoided, we kept moving from
23 pockets of people to pockets of people so we wouldn't get
24 real up close contact with these individuals.

25 I saw that eventually they would make contact with

1 us, so I directed my partner to call the Consulate, the
2 U.S. in Guadalajara, and see what they could do to give us
3 a hand.

4 Q Did you contact the Consulate?

5 A Yes. My partner called the Consulate, and eventually
6 they dispatched approximately 11 Mexican Federal Judicial
7 Policemen to give us a hand.

8 Q And the four men that were outside, waiting for you,
9 where they armed?

10 A Yes, sir. They were definitely armed. They had
11 weapons under their suit coats.

12 Q Were you escorted off the premises by these 11
13 M.F.J.P. agents?

14 A The 11 M.F.J.P. agents were over. They had shotguns
15 at high port. The head of the Federal Mexican Federal
16 agents told me to get into a circle. They formed a circle
17 and they asked me to get into the circle, that they would
18 escort us out of the airport, by these other armed
19 individuals, that they would put cars in front and back of
20 the car I was driving, and escort us out of the airport to
21 their comandante or their headquarters.

22 Q Was this, in fact, done?

23 A Yes, they formed a circle, and I got into the circle,
24 and the other armed individuals from the Gallardo hanger,
25 they approached the circle and stopped short.

1 Q And incidentally, when the M.F.J.P. were sent to
2 assist, where any D.E.A. agents accompany those M.F.J.P.
3 agents?

4 A To the best of my recollection, there were three
5 agents. There was Kiki Camarena. There was Agent
6 Bachelier, and an Agent Wallace that had accompanied these
7 11 federal -- Federal Mexican Policemen to escort us out of
8 the airport.

9 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, may I have just one
10 moment, please.

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 (Government counsel confer.)

13 MR. MEDRANO: That concludes direct. Thank you.

14 THE COURT: Any questions for this witness?

15 MR. MEDVENE: I have no questions, Your Honor.

16 MR. RUBIN: No questions.

17 THE COURT: You may step down.

18 (Witness excused.)

19 MR. CARLTON: The government recalls Lawrence
20 Harrison.

21 (Witness summoned to courtroom.)

22 LAWRENCE HARRISON, PREVIOUSLY SWORN, RESUMED STAND

23 THE CLERK: Mr. Harrison, you have previously been
24 sworn and I remind you that you are still under oath.

25 Restate your name for the record, please.

1 THE WITNESS: Lawrence Harrison.

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued)

3 BY MR. CARLTON:

4 Q Mr. Harrison, when we left off, you had mentioned that
5 you had completed -- completed a portion of the radio
6 system that you were creating for Ernesto Fonseca.

7 Can you describe that system?

8 A It was a VHF radio system. It was centered on a
9 frequency above 148 megahertz. There were approximately --

10 THE COURT: You can sit back.

11 THE WITNESS: All right. Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Just leave this to the side there.

13 THE WITNESS: There were originally 25 radios that
14 grew to 80 stations that consisted of, by the time I left
15 off, it consisted of four repeaters that were interlaced
16 together and were accessed by portable radios. The
17 majority of them were portable hand-held radios. There
18 were one or two base stations.

19 BY MR. CARLTON:

20 Q Let's talk a little more specifically about how this
21 system worked. You said that there were some repeaters
22 accessed by some hand-held radios.

23 What's a repeater?

24 A Well, a repeater is a -- actually a rebroadcaster.
25 It's a radio that listens on one frequency. It's situated

1 on a high spot, with commanding altitude and location, so
2 that there is no obstacle between the transmitting radio
3 and the receiver portion of the repeater.

4 It receives the low power hand-held radio signal
5 and rebroadcasts it over a large area with a larger signal.

6 Q So if someone was using this system, they would have a
7 small hand-held radio?

8 A It was designed in that manner. They would be able to
9 use only walkie-talkies or hand-held radios so they
10 wouldn't have to have bulky large radios and wouldn't have
11 to have antennas on their cars or on their houses.

12 Q And this was a low power device, this hand-held radio?

13 A Hand-held radios is five watts going into the final
14 stage. It puts out around four watts normally, and that is
15 picked up by the repeater and rebroadcast with from 30 to
16 150 watts, depending on the repeater size.

17 Q Was it possible to communicate throughout the
18 Guadalajara area with this system?

19 A It was possible to communicate throughout the
20 Guadalajara area and/or large portions of the State of
21 Jalisco.

22 Q Was the reception equally good throughout that area?

23 A The reception is never equally good throughout any
24 area where there are repeater systems. There are always
25 dead spots, spots where they are fading that is not --

1 Q Now, after this system was essentially created, did
2 you have continuing responsibilities with regard to it?

3 A Yes. I had to maintain it. I had to repair the
4 radios that they broke. They tended to shoot them
5 sometimes. They let the batteries run down and they'd get
6 angry at them and they'd shoot them, so they'd bring them
7 to me. You know, I had to fix them. They'd drop them or
8 leave them in water or burn cigarettes on them. I repaired
9 the radios that they broke. I also maintained the main
10 system.

11 The repeater sites themselves were maintained by
12 batteries that were on hills that nobody else knew where
13 they were. Generally there no was electricity. They were
14 run on large deep cycle batteries and we had to recharge
15 the batteries at regular intervals.

16 Q So did you continue to maintain this system during the
17 rest of the time that you worked for Ernesto Fonseca?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q While you were working for Fonseca, were you still
20 paid by the governmental agencies you were working for?

21 A Yes. Comandante Espino continued to pay me and on a
22 regular basis.

23 Q And were you also paid by Ernesto Fonseca?

24 A Mr. Fonseca would -- I -- whenever it pleased him, he
25 would take a large roll of bills out of his pocket and give

1 you a large amount of money, but it wasn't like a regular
2 payday or a stated rate of pay.

3 Q And did you continue to report to Serjio Espino while
4 you were working for Fonseca?

5 A Yes. I daily divided my time between the I.P.S.
6 Office and Mr. Fonseca's house. I would take 15 minute and
7 run over to the I.P.S. Office and report to Comandante
8 Serjio. I would speak to him while he was at Mr. Fonseca's
9 residence, because he came there often.

10 Q Did you consider Ernesto Fonseca himself to be your
11 superior officer in some way relative to the I.P.S.?

12 A Yes. He was my superior officer. He had a valid
13 credential, senior investigator's credential from the
14 I.P.S. Office. I saw it on many occasions, and he was
15 acknowledged by Comandante Serjio to be a member in good
16 standing of the I.P.S.

17 Q When you say "Comandante Serjio," are you referring to
18 Espino?

19 A Yes, I'm referring to Espino-Verdin.

20 Q Did you, besides creating and maintaining this radio
21 system, perform any other kind of work for Fonseca?

22 A Well, Mr. Fonseca gave duties to anybody at hand as
23 the duties came up. If you were in his house and he wanted
24 you to do something, he sent you to do it. But, yes, I did
25 many other duties for him.

1 Q Did you perform other kinds of electronics work as
2 well?

3 A I repaired stereos, television sets, still his wife's
4 reducing machine that she seemed to blow up every month.

5 Q And on occasion, were you ordered to escort vehicles?

6 A Yes, I was.

7 Q Do you recall how many occasions that happened?

8 A The occasions that I recall were four.

9 Q And what was it on these occasions that you were
10 ordered to do?

11 A Well, they would order -- they would say who has
12 credentials of all the people that were in the house. Some
13 people had State Judicial Police credentials. Some people
14 had Federal Judicial Police credentials. Some people had
15 D.F.S. Some people had I.P.S. And some people were from
16 the military. And if they were going to go pass the
17 military checkpoint, they wanted people with D.F.S. or
18 I.P.S. credentials. If they were going to go pass the
19 Judicial Police checkpoint, they wanted people with -- they
20 wanted, you know, to be of the same corporation as the
21 checkpoint that you were going to go by, so they would say
22 who has credential, and then they would say get in the car
23 and you're going to escort something back from a certain
24 point.

25 Q You used the word "corporation"?

1 A That's a Mexican word, corporation. It means
2 agencies, police agencies.

3 Q So each of these times you were ordered to go to a
4 particular place?

5 A Yes. Go to a particular place, wait for a convoy,
6 form into the convoy ahead and behind it, turn on our red
7 lights and sometimes our sirens, and escort it to -- back
8 to the City of Guadalajara.

9 Q On these four occasions, where were you ordered to go?

10 A We went once to a ranch called Puayna (phonetic),
11 which is outside the City of Guadalajara. We went twice to
12 Meca, which is in the Valley of Meca, about 25 miles from
13 Guadalajara. And we went once to the top of Mascota area.

14 Q Where is Mascota?

15 A Mascota is in the hills on the way to the coast. You
16 have to go on an unpaved highway and you reach -- it's a
17 hill town.

18 Q Directing your attention to that Mascota trip, when
19 did that occur?

20 A That occurred sometime in 1983, the latter part of
21 1983, I would assume. I don't -- I didn't note down the
22 date.

23 Q Specifically, what was it that you did in relation to
24 that trip?

25 A We drove to a point outside the City of Mascota. We

1 set up a roadblock on the road where we were. We waited
2 there for two or three hours. We were contacted on the
3 radio by Mr. Fonseca's brother, who was heading up the
4 convoy, saying, "We are on our way, stand by on the side of
5 the road, and when we go by, form up." And as they went by
6 we formed up ahead of them and behind them and escorted
7 them.

8 Q What was it that you escorted?

9 A Well, it was a truck with a tarp over it. I don't
10 know what was in the truck. I assume -- I don't know.

11 Q What kind of a truck?

12 A It was a stake bed truck that was pretty heavily
13 loaded. It was sagging in the back. I can't tell you the
14 contents because I don't know.

15 Q And where did it go? Where did this truck go?

16 A We escorted it back to Guadalajara.

17 Q Did you encounter any roadblocks on the way?

18 A We encountered an army roadblock just before the
19 junction of the road with the main highway to Nogales.

20 Q Do you know where this truck came from?

21 A I assumed it came from Mascota. We were right outside
22 the city.

23 Q Was the same procedure followed each time?

24 A Yes, more or less that was the procedure, except for
25 once at Pueyna. Pueyna was a ranch. There was a ranch

1 their owned by Mr. Fonseca, and we drove right in and we
2 didn't have to wait for the convoy to come out. We drove
3 right in and waited around there until they were ready to
4 go.

5 Q Did you ever see what these trucks were loaded with?

6 A Well, I didn't. Did I ever see it? No, I didn't. I
7 saw it later, after it had been unloaded, but I didn't see
8 it while it was on the truck.

9 Q What did you see later, then?

10 A It was marijuana.

11 Q Now, do you know who the source of this load on the
12 Mascota trip was?

13 A I only know what I was told. I don't know. I don't
14 have any --

15 Q And what were you told?

16 MR. MEDVENE: Objection --

17 MR. RUBIN: Objection; hearsay.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 BY MR. CARLTON:

20 Q During the time that you worked for Ernesto Fonseca,
21 did you become familiar with his various residences?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q He had a number of these residences in the Guadalajara
24 area?

25 A He had 20 or 30 houses in Guadalajara.

1 Q Now, during the time that you worked for him, which of
2 these houses did he live in? Do you recall?

3 A Well, he maintained a march from one house to the
4 next. He lived in La Fuentes, then he to the Cuarzo house
5 then he went to another house that he had built, and then
6 he moved to a place called La Bajadita.

7 Q I believe in front of you should be two exhibits
8 marked 121-A and B. Do you see those?

9 A Yes, I do.

10 Q Do you recognize those photographs?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And what do they depict?

13 A They depict -- this is the La Bajadita.

14 Q What's the number on that one?

15 A 121-A.

16 This is also the Bajadita from around the corner.

17 MR. CARLTON: I move the admission of these
18 exhibits, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: They may be admitted if not
20 previously.

21 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 121-A and 121-B received.)

22 MR. CARLTON: Excuse me, Your Honor, may I have a
23 moment?

24 THE COURT: Yes.

25 BY MR. CARLTON:

1 Q Are you familiar with the location known as Club
2 Lebonaise?

3 A Yes, I am.

4 Q What is that?

5 A It's a club that was originally formed by a wealthy
6 Lebanese immigrant who lived in Mexico and Guadalajara, and
7 they sold it somewhere around 1984, and it was purchased by
8 Mr. Fonseca. I was there when he was
9 dealing -- making the overtures to buy the Club Lebonaise.
10 We also had meetings there later on, parties.

11 Q During the time that you were working for Ernesto
12 Fonseca, did you see him conducting his business?

13 A Yes, I did.

14 Q Then did you see him meeting with various persons?

15 A Yes, I did.

16 Q Were there some persons that he would meet with more
17 often than others?

18 MR. RUBIN: Objection, vague as to time.

19 THE COURT: Overruled.

20 THE WITNESS: Are you differentiating meetings as
21 business meetings from to meet, to just meet and greet a
22 person or --

23 BY MR. CARLTON:

24 Q Let's deal with business meetings at this point.

25 A Yes, I saw many business meetings.

1 Q And were there some people he met with on these
2 occasions more than others?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And among the people he met with for business
5 purposes, were there some that he treated with more
6 deference or respect than others?

7 A There were some that he treated with more deference
8 and respect, and there were others where there was a lack
9 of deference. They were more or less as equals.

10 Q And of those who he treated more deferentially, who
11 did he meet with most often?

12 A The ones that he treated deferentially were his
13 subordinates. The ones where there was a lack of deference
14 or a lack of -- there was respect, but that if he treated
15 certain people as his equals, then they were partners or
16 his --

17 Q All right. Who did he treat as his equals?

18 A As his equals, he treated Miguel Felix-Gallardo,
19 Rafael Caro-Quintero, Manuel Salcido-Uzueta.

20 Q Is he also known Cochiloco?

21 A Salcido-Uzueta, yes, that's Cochiloco. That was his
22 nickname.

23 Also, as El Azul. Those where his -- and those
24 where his major partners.

25 Q What would you see these people doing together?

1 A They would -- they normally frequented each other when
2 they were all together in the same city. They were not
3 always all together in the same city, but when they were
4 all together, they always frequented each other as far as
5 coming over. But, you know, they paid a ritual visit to
6 each other when they were in town.

7 And sometimes they would meet together and make,
8 what I took to be business decisions, because they would go
9 off by themselves and closet themselves, and then come out
10 and announce the decisions having to do with the
11 organization or transporting something from one place to
12 another, or dispositions as far as the organization was
13 concerned.

14 Q Where did most of these meetings take place that you
15 saw?

16 A Most of them that I saw where at the three houses, La
17 Bajadita, Cuarzo and Las Fuentes.

18 Q Are you familiar with the Hotel Las Americas?

19 A Yes, I am.

20 Q And how is it that you are familiar with that
21 location?

22 A That hotel was owned by Miguel Felix. The chief of
23 the Homicide Bureau, the State Judicial Police was
24 quartered there. Mr. Barba -- Javier Barba, who was also a
25 member of Mr. Fonseca's retinue, and later on a partner,

1 also hung out there with the head of the -- with the chief
2 of the Homicide Bureau. They called me there on a regular
3 basis to sweep the lines, to make sure there were no taps
4 on the telephones.

5 Q And to your knowledge, did Miguel Felix have an office
6 there?

7 A He had an office, but it was an office maintained by
8 his administrator, Tomas Vias.

9 Q Looking in front of you, do you see Exhibit 133-A?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What's the exhibit just in front of you, that you are
12 holding in your top hand?

13 A These are both the same.

14 Q Oh, I see.

15 A They are not the same, but they are the same place.

16 Q Okay.

17 A The same place.

18 Q And you're looking at 133-A and B?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Let me ask you, what is the exhibit you're holding in
21 your left hand? What's the number on that?

22 A This one? This one is 127.

23 Q Do you recognize that?

24 A It's the Club Lebonaise.

25 Q All right. You can put that down for us.

1 And then looking at 133-A and B.

2 A 133-A and B are more of Hotel Las Americas.

3 MR. CARLTON: All right. Your Honor, I move the
4 admission of 127, 133-A and B.

5 THE COURT: They may be admitted.

6 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 127, 133-A and 133-B received.)

7 BY MR. CARLTON:

8 Q Do you know an individual named Rafael Caro-Quintero?

9 A Yes, I do.

10 Q And how is it you first met him?

11 A I first met him at Mr. Fonseca's house in Las Fuentes
12 in 1982.

13 Q Did you ever do any work for him?

14 A Without him knowing it, yes. I designed and sent a
15 radio system up to Corborca, Sinora, which he utilized at
16 his ranch. He later came down and told me how good it was
17 without knowing that I had made it.

18 Q And do you have in front of you Exhibit 19-A?

19 A Yes, I do.

20 Q Do you recognize that?

21 A Rafael Caro-Quintero.

22 MR. CARLTON: Move the admission of 19-A, Your
23 Honor.

24 THE COURT: That may be admitted.

25 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 19-A received.)

1 BY MR. CARLTON:

2 Q At some point, did Caro actually use Fonseca's radio
3 system, to your knowledge?

4 A Yes. When he originally returned to Guadalajara,
5 which was in, I believe, November, or before November of
6 1983, he merged his group into Mr. Fonseca's group, and
7 they both used the radio system that I had installed.

8 Q How long did that continue?

9 A That continued up until the last part of 1983 and they
10 had a falling out.

11 Q Did he continue to use the radio system into some part
12 of 1984?

13 A Yes, but on a less and less, and they finally
14 established another system with Miguel Felix.

15 Q Did you assign call signals to the individuals who
16 where allowed to use Fonseca's radio system?

17 A The original call signals for the core group of Mr.
18 Fonseca. I did not assign the call signals, and I did not
19 assign my own call signal. That was assigned to me by
20 them. But I did assign the call signals to the members of
21 the State Judicial Police, the army, and to Mr. Rafael
22 Caro-Quintero's group because they were added on later.

23 Q What call signal did you assign to Caro?

24 A R-1.

25 Q R dash 1?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Did you ever see Caro and Fonseca working together?

3 A Yes, I did.

4 Q What was it you saw in this regard?

5 A Well, the first time I saw them, they were sitting
6 together at a desk, calling people in the United States. I
7 remember that they were dialing long distance, and they
8 were getting mad at people, saying they weren't paying them
9 for the marijuana that they had sent them, and they were
10 speaking they had given one person 1,000 pounds and another
11 person 500 pounds, and they keep saying that to pay the
12 money; and Mr. Fonseca would speak softly to them and say
13 that Rafa was getting mad, and then he'd pass the phone to
14 Rafa who'd say he was going to kill them; and then Rafa
15 would pass the phone back to Mr. Fonseca who was saying he
16 couldn't control Rafa. They were, more or less, doing a
17 Mutt and Jeff routine to try to get these people to pay up
18 on the overdue marijuana from the United States.

19 Q Did you see this repeated on other occasions?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q Now, you say that there was a falling out between the
22 two of them in late '83 or early '84?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Did they, to your knowledge, continue to do business
25 together after that?

1 A Yes, they did continue to do business.

2 Q Did they continue to do business together during the
3 entire period that you were working for Ernesto Fonseca?

4 A Yes, they did continue to do business together.

5 Q And do you know an individual named Miguel
6 Felix-Gallardo?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q How do you know him?

9 A I met him at Mr. Fonseca's house and at his parties.

10 Q If you look at what's been marked as Exhibit 104. Do
11 you recognize that?

12 A Yes, it's Miguel Felix-Gallardo.

13 Q All right. Thank you.

14 A Not a very good picture, but it is him.

15 Q How many times have you met Miguel Felix?

16 A Many, many occasions. I don't know. I don't know if
17 I can put a number on it. It was more than 25. About a
18 hundred. Many, many times.

19 Q Likewise, Caro, how many times have you met him?

20 A Many, many times. I saw him on a daily basis, and I
21 would see him four or five times a day many times, and over
22 a period of five years, I saw him --

23 Q Where was it that you would see him?

24 A I would see him at Mr. Fonseca's house, at his own
25 house, at restaurants, at the Federal Judicial Police

1 office, at the Gobernacion Offices, at parties,
2 everywhere. Everywhere that I was -- that I had to
3 frequent because of my duties. It was the same
4 organization.

5 Q Did you ever hear Fonseca refer to him as one of his
6 partners?

7 A Mr. Fonseca complained that Rafa had been, more or
8 less, his protege, but had gotten too big for his britches,
9 and was now disputing his power with him.

10 Q When was this?

11 A All the time -- well, this was the last part of 1983
12 and almost the first half of 1984, he would shake his head
13 and say, "Oh, Rafa, I made you what you are and now you
14 are -- now you're trying to take my power away from me,"
15 and -- but in a kindly way. It wasn't as if he were
16 really --

17 Q How did Fonseca refer to Felix?

18 A They referred to Mr. Felix-Gallardo with a great deal
19 of respect during the latter portions of 1984 and the
20 first -- the latter portions of 1983 and the first part of
21 1984. Mr. Felix wasn't around them that much. He had
22 absented himself from their company.

23 Q And do you know why that was?

24 A Mr. Felix told me that Rafael and Ernesto were two
25 rowdy, that they were too splendid, that they were

1 attracting too much attention, and that he was getting a
2 lot of heat from Mexico City because of their antics and
3 that he felt himself to be more refined than they were; and
4 for that reason, he didn't want to be associated as closely
5 with them, to be seen with them, even though he continued
6 to do business with them.

7 Q What did you understand his reference to "getting heat
8 from Mexico City" to mean?

9 A Well, these people had connections in Mexico -- not
10 connections -- they were directly ordered to do what they
11 were doing from Mexico City. They were given the
12 concession to run narcotics in that particular area, right
13 from Mexico City from the various dependencies of the
14 Mexican government, and if -- if they attracted too much
15 attention or got too far out of line, they would use --
16 they would receive reprimands from the high political
17 officials in Mexico City.

18 Q Nevertheless, despite this falling out, do you know
19 whether Felix continued to do business with Caro-Quintero?

20 A Yes, he did, he continued to do business. I know they
21 continued to do business.

22 Q Now, you mentioned a name, Javier Barba?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Who was that?

25 A Javier Barba-Hernandez had been a student organizer, a

1 contender for the presidency of various -- I'm trying to
2 think of how to say it in English. They have what is known
3 as bachelor's school. It's really like high school here.
4 It's like all of high school and the first year of college
5 here. And he had contended for the presidency of various
6 of these schools, and I knew him then, and later on he
7 reappeared with Mr. Fonseca.

8 Q Do you have before you Exhibit 122?

9 A Yes.

10 Q What does that depict?

11 A That's Javier Barba-Hernandez.

12 MR. CARLTON: I move its admission, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

14 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 122 received.)

15 MR. CARLTON: May it be shown to the jury? Thank
16 you.

17 BY MR. CARLTON:

18 Q How often did you see Javier Barba with Fonseca?

19 A When he arrived with Mr. Fonseca, which was somewhere
20 around August of 1984 -- of 1983, I saw him thereafter
21 daily with Mr. Fonseca.

22 Q Juan Matta, did you ever see him?

23 A Yes, I did.

24 Q How many times?

25 A I saw him two or three times. I didn't see him as

1 often as the others, but I saw him two or three times.

2 Q Where was it that you saw him?

3 A I saw him at a couple of parties, and at Mr. Fonseca's
4 house once.

5 Q Looking in front of you at Exhibit 49, do you
6 recognize that photograph?

7 A That's Juan Matta.

8 Q Manuel Salcido, you mentioned him previously.

9 A Yes.

10 Q How often did you see him in the company of Ernesto
11 Fonseca?

12 A Many, many times.

13 Q Looking at Exhibit 123.

14 A This is him.

15 MR. CARLTON: All right. Move the admission of
16 123.

17 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

18 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 123 received.)

19 BY MR. CARLTON:

20 Q Is the name Samuel Ramirez-Razo familiar to you?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Who was he?

23 A He was an assistant of Mr. Fonseca.

24 Q And what was his position in the organization, so far
25 as you could tell?

1 A When I first became acquainted with him, he was like
2 the ramrod. He was the second in command, an executive
3 officer of the organization. He was later pushed out of
4 that position and Mr. Barba took it over.

5 Q And he continued to work for Ernesto Fonseca after
6 that?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Do you know the name Jorge Godoy?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Who was that?

11 A He had been a member of the State Judicial Police, and
12 he worked for Mr. Fonseca.

13 Q In what capacity?

14 A Just as a bodyguard and a general fact totem.

15 Q Rene Lopez, is that name familiar to you?

16 A He had also been a member of the State Judicial
17 Police, and he also was a worker for Mr. Fonseca.

18 Q Ramon Lira?

19 A Same thing.

20 Q Do you know Humberto Alvarez-Machain?

21 A Yes, I do.

22 Q Did you ever see him at Ernesto Fonseca's residence?

23 A Yes, I did.

24 Q On how many occasions?

25 A On many occasions. I also saw him with the D.F.S.

1 Q I ask you to look around the courtroom --

2 A I don't have to. He's sitting right over there.

3 THE COURT: Indicating the defendant.

4 THE WITNESS: The Doctor. Anyway, he knows me. I
5 know him. He is sitting there.

6 BY MR. CARLTON:

7 Q Now, you said that you saw him many times at Ernesto
8 Fonseca's residence?

9 A Yes.

10 Q What did you see him doing there?

11 A Well, many times I -- he -- he was attending to them
12 as a physician, and then he would stay afterwards and they
13 would talk over old times and just sit around and talk with
14 each other.

15 But, primarily what he would do is he would come
16 to inject them. They had purchased some rejuvenating
17 potions or something that he injected into them on a
18 regular basis.

19 Sometimes they got sick smoking too much base
20 cocaine and he would come and attend to them.

21 Q You said you also saw him at the D.F.S.?

22 A Yes. He and another doctor, Dr. Cisneros (phonetic),
23 attended to the D.F.S. also. They were the doctors of the
24 D.F.S. in Guadalajara.

25 Q Did you ever see him at parties given by Ernesto

1 Fonseca?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And how often, how many times do you think you saw him
4 in the company of Fonseca or at one of his social
5 gatherings?

6 A Twenty, twenty-five times. It's hard to put a number
7 on it. Less than I saw the other people. He was not a
8 regular. He wasn't there everyday, but he was obviously a
9 confident of theirs and --

10 MR. RUBIN: Objection; calls for conclusion. Move
11 to strike.

12 THE COURT: Overruled.

13 BY MR. CARLTON:

14 Q Have you ever heard of an individual Mahea Monhey
15 (phonetic)?

16 A I've heard of him, yes, but I never met him.

17 Q Did he have any association with the group of
18 traffickers that you were working with that you were aware
19 of?

20 A Yes. I know he had an association with them, but I
21 never met the man.

22 Q Was he a doctor?

23 A They told me that he was a doctor. They referred to
24 him as doctor, yes.

25 Q And was he a doctor for the traffickers, to your

1 knowledge?

2 A They just referred to him. They did not -- I wasn't
3 able to observe what his relationship -- I never met him.
4 He lived up in the northern part of the country and I never
5 saw him in Guadalajara.

6 Q Ruben Zuno, do you know him?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q When did you first meet him?

9 A I first saw him and his brothers -- we weren't
10 presented formally, but they were together in the same
11 room, and probably in 1972 or 1973. His father helped me a
12 great deal when I first went to Guadalajara. I met his
13 father when I was giving some conferences at a press club
14 in Guadalajara, and I met his entire family then. I met
15 Ruben Zuno then. I saw him over the years many times.

16 Q When is the last time that you saw him in Mexico?

17 A The last time was at a coming out party for Alciia
18 Sanchez-Flores in 1989, I think, at the Temple Del Sol in
19 Guadalajara.

20 Q Do you see Ruben Zuno in court today?

21 A Yes, he is sitting over there.

22 THE COURT: Indicating the --

23 THE WITNESS: He has got a gray sweater on.

24 BY MR. CARLTON:

25 Q Mr. Harrison, let me direct your attention to November

1 of 1983. Did you attend a party during that month at the
2 house located at Circunvalacion Sur 113 in Colonia La
3 Fuentes?

4 A Yes, I did. I'm not sure of the date. I -- it was
5 around that time, but I attended a party there, yes.

6 Q Was Ernesto Fonseca living in the house at the time?

7 A No, he was not. He had already moved out.

8 Q What was it -- well, were you asked to do something at
9 the house on the day of the party?

10 A Mr. Fonseca's sent me there in the afternoon to bring
11 the beer and to bring some supplies there, and also to look
12 over the security arrangements. I had installed the
13 security system at that house, and he wanted me to look it
14 over because they were going to have the party there that
15 night. And make some adjustments to the electrical
16 installation, and I got there around 3:00 o'clock in the
17 afternoon.

18 Q How long did you stay there?

19 A I stayed there until the next day. I left around
20 12:00 o'clock that night, and I came back, and I helped
21 clean up the next day around 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.
22 The party went all day and all night.

23 Q An what was your function there during the party?

24 A I was working for Mr. Fonseca and doing whatever he
25 asked me to do.

1 Q Do you recall what the occasion for this party was?

2 A Well, as far as -- I recall what I was told by Mr.
3 Fonseca, that it was the Dia of Rafael, and it was there
4 for the Saints Day for Rafael Caro-Quintero, and Ernesto
5 also called himself Ernesto Rafael, and he celebrated his
6 Saint's Day on the same day as Rafael Caro-Quintero.

7 Q How many people do you estimate were present during
8 this party?

9 A There were a lot of the people. There were 175, 200
10 people. There was a lot of people there.

11 Q Were most of the major traffickers there?

12 A Many of the major traffickers were there. The
13 comandantes of the Federal Judicial -- yes, many of the
14 major traffickers where there.

15 Q Were any law enforcement personnel there?

16 A The major law enforcement officers for all the federal
17 agencies and state agencies, and the State of Jalisco and
18 the country of Mexico were there. Those that were
19 stationed in the State of Jalisco or in the City of
20 Guadalajara, yes, they were there.

21 Q Did you see Ruben Zuno there?

22 A I saw Mr. Zuno appear there, yes.

23 Q What was it that you saw?

24 A Mr. Caro-Quintero was -- they had purchased some
25 stallions, some horses, from a famous Mexican singer, and

1 these horses had been taught to dance. And there was a
2 band in the corner of the backyard. It was a big backyard.
3 And Mr. Caro was up on top of one of these horses making it
4 dance and smoking a big base cigarette, base cocaine
5 cigarette.

6 And at one point he turned the horse over to the
7 horse trainer of the Mexican singer who had brought the
8 horses to deliver them to him, and got down, and about the
9 same time I saw Mr. Zuno appear off to his right and go
10 over to him and they embraced.

11 Q Is the term "abrazo" familiar to you?

12 A Yes.

13 Q What does that mean?

14 A Well, it has a number of meanings. Among our group,
15 it was the way we normally greeted each other. But it also
16 is a traditional, general greeting, especially at parties,
17 and especially if it's somebody's birthday party, that's
18 the way you would greet them.

19 It's kind of, you know, you put your hands around
20 them, and then you slap them on the back and shake hands.

21 Q Do you recall anything that Mr. Zuno was wearing?

22 A He was wearing a type of cowboy outfit. It was not an
23 exaggerated cowboy, but a Western-style outfit with piping
24 on the shoulders and on the sleeves. He had on a cowboy
25 hat and boots.

1 Q And did you see Zuno at any of Fonseca's residences on
2 any other occasion?

3 A Ruben came to Mr. Fonseca's house on Cuarzo Street one
4 time while I worked there.

5 Q Do you recall about when that was?

6 A It was after having seen him at the house in
7 Circunvalacion, and before the -- before I left that house
8 in January. I think it was shortly after I saw him at the
9 house at Circunvalacion. I remember being surprised to see
10 him there at the house at Circunvalacion. I had not known
11 that he knew these people. I was surprised to see him
12 there. I was also surprised to seem him when -- it was
13 part of the same surprise. I kept saying to myself, "What
14 is he doing here."

15 Q What did you see him do there?

16 A He went into Mr. Fonseca's office and spoke with him,
17 or went into his office and they shut the door. I don't
18 know what they did.

19 Q Did you see him leave?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q How long did he stay in the office?

22 A Forty-five minutes to an hour.

23 Q During the time that you were working for Ernesto
24 Fonseca, did you see any law enforcement personnel at his
25 residences?

1 A Well, I saw members of all the law enforcement
2 agencies of the State of Jalisco and the Country of Mexico.
3 That includes the State Judicial Police, the State
4 Preventive Police, Municipal Police of Guadalajara, the
5 Federal Judicial Police, the director of the Federal
6 Security Directorate, the Office of Political and Social
7 Investigations, the Federal Highway Patrol, the Mexican
8 Army, and if there is anything I left out, I don't know.
9 This was an operation that included everybody, let's put it
10 that way.

11 Q Did you ever see whether any of the traffickers who
12 where in this group had law enforcement credentials?

13 A You mean the major chiefs?

14 Q Yes.

15 A The major chiefs all had credentials, as did everybody
16 who was around them.

17 Q Do you know an individual named Juan Gilberto
18 Hernandez-Parra?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And who is that?

21 A He was a man that worked with the Federal Judicial
22 Police, I believe. He also worked for Mr. Fonseca.

23 Q Looking in front of you at Exhibit 118. Do you
24 recognize that photograph?

25 A That's him.

1 Q Pardon me?

2 A That's Juan Gilberto.

3 Q Thank you.

4 Benjamin Locheo, does that name sound familiar?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Who is that?

7 A He was the subchief of the State Judicial Police who
8 had been assigned to Mr. Fonseca's house by the chief.

9 Q Ernesto Pulido, is that a name familiar to you?

10 A He was the operative chief of the State Judicial
11 Police, also assigned to that house by the director of the
12 State Police and Judicial Police.

13 Q Gabriel Gonzalez-Gonzalez?

14 A He was the head of the Homicide Squad of the State
15 Judicial Police, also assigned to Mr. Fonseca's house, as
16 well as being assigned to personal duties with Miguel
17 Felix-Gallardo.

18 Q Nicolas Flores-Almazan?

19 A Nicolas Flores-Almazan was the comandante of the
20 Federal Judicial Police. He was daily at Mr. Fonseca's
21 house where they coordinated their activities.

22 Q And an individual named Salas?

23 A Salas, that's Lieutenant Colonel Salas was the chief
24 executive officer of the 15th Military Zone. He was also
25 daily at Mr. Fonseca's house in his full Army uniform.

1 Q I'd like you to look at a photograph in front of you
2 marked 13-A.

3 A Uh-huh.

4 Q Did you recognize that?

5 A This is a house on Lope de Vega, I believe.

6 Q You may put it down.

7 Are you familiar with that house?

8 A I only went by there a couple of times, but, yes, I'm
9 familiar with it.

10 Q And on one of these occasions, did something unusual
11 happen?

12 A On one of the occasions, we were going -- I was going
13 with another person to another place, and we were driving
14 by there, and Rafa Caro-Quintero was broadcasting. The
15 signal was so strong that I shut the repeater off and went
16 to simplex, which means that I turned my radio to just be
17 radio-to-radio to see if our signal was really that strong
18 in that area or if somebody was close. If it had been that
19 strong in that area, I would have been extremely happy that
20 it was a very strong signal.

21 When the signal became still so strong, I lowered
22 the radio to the floor to ground the antenna because that's
23 the way to figure out how far away they are, by where the
24 signal starts to fade.

25 A signal that is within a 30 or 40 foot radius of

1 you will come right through the case of the radio, you
2 don't -- even if you have no antenna at all.

3 I had the radio all the way down on the floor of
4 the truck we were in and it was still coming in so strong
5 that I could tell that the person who was broadcasting was
6 broadcasting right close to me, within a 30 or 40 foot
7 radius. We were driving past that house.

8 Q You were right in front of that house as this
9 occurred?

10 A Going past it.

11 Q And who was it you heard broadcasting?

12 A Rafael Caro-Quintero.

13 Q Do you know when this occurred?

14 A This was probably January or February of 1984.

15 Q Did you ever return to that house?

16 A I was sent back to that house later on, yes.

17 Q And what was the occasion?

18 A Mr. Barba and Gabriel Gonzalez, who was the head of
19 the Homicide Bureau of the State Judicial Police, were at
20 the Hotel Las Americas, and I had gone there that day to
21 sweep the lines, and Mr. Barba and Mr. -- and Gabriel said,
22 "We want you to go over and look at the gate."

23 I want to say something. In earlier testimony, I
24 said gate because in Spanish that's "puerta", and when I
25 first testified I really didn't -- I wasn't translating

1 very well. I hadn't spoken English in a number of years.
2 Puerta really means garage door. They said, "Go over and
3 look at the garage door."

4 Q What else was said about this house when these
5 instructions were given?

6 A They said it was Rafa's house, to go over to Rafa's
7 house and look at the garage door, and did I remember where
8 it was because the person that had been with me that day
9 told them that we had gone -- we had driven by that house.

10 Q So did you go to house?

11 A Yes, I did.

12 Q What happened there?

13 A I knocked on the gate, not the garage door, and a
14 person came out. I said, "I'm here to look at the gate --
15 the garage door, the puerta."

16 He said, "There's nobody here. You can't come in
17 right now."

18 I said, "Well, they sent me over here," and he
19 said, "Well, there's nobody here. The patron is not here.
20 You will have to come back later."

21 Q Those the only two occasions you've been attending?

22 A The only two occasions.

23 Q Do you know an individual named Miguel Vielma?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Who is that?

1 A Comandante Miguelantes Vielma was a comandante of the
2 Direccion de Federal Security Directorate. I had known him
3 for many years. His last post was chief of the D.F.S.
4 detachment in the City of Zacatecas.

5 Q Did you ever see him in the company of Ernesto
6 Fonseca?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Do you recall the date at which you went to Lope de
9 Vega in relation to the door, fixing the door, the gate?

10 A It was two or three weeks after we had driven by
11 there. It was -- I couldn't tell you the exact date, but
12 it was March. It could have been as late as April or -- I
13 didn't note the date down or anything.

14 Q You're not certain of the date?

15 A I'm not certain. It was after we had gone -- driven
16 by there, and it was close enough in time that they
17 remembered that Juan had been with me that day, told them
18 that we had driven by that house.

19 Q Now, you've mentioned that Miguel Vielma was
20 in -- you saw him in the presence of Fonseca. How many
21 times?

22 A All the time. He was always with Mr. Fonseca. He was
23 always in Mr. Fonseca's presence, and many things that I
24 had to do with the organization and Mr. Fonseca, I took up
25 with Mr. Vielma who lived closed to me. He lived about six

1 blocks away from where I lived, and many times, instead of
2 going over to Mr. Fonseca's house, I would deal directly
3 with Vielma.

4 Q Let me draw your attention to March or April of 1984,
5 that time period. At some point in that time period, were
6 you involved in counting money for Ernesto Fonseca?

7 A Yes. Well, first of all, they asked me to buy some
8 money counters. They didn't ask me to buy them, they asked
9 me to tell them what they needed. They related -- Mr.
10 Fonseca and one of his assistants showed me a suitcase full
11 of money, and they said that the suitcase -- the man that
12 had picked it up said, "I picked it up, it had a million
13 dollars in it."

14 But when we counted it, it was only \$980,000, and
15 now I don't know what to do because I failed the boss and I
16 don't know what to do. And Mr. Fonseca said, "What can we
17 do?"

18 I said, "Well, there are electronic money counters
19 that you can purchase and they will give you an accurate
20 count in a short amount of time as to how much money there
21 is and you won't go through this laborious hand counting of
22 money, especially that much money, where you'd be so likely
23 to make a mistake."

24 Q So did you go out and acquire money counters?

25 A I didn't acquire them. I gave them a description of

1 what was needed. They acquired seven of them at first, and
2 then some more, and they brought them down there, and they
3 called me when they had acquired them.

4 Q Did you use these machines?

5 A We, all together, used them. They were four or five
6 of us. There was an awful lot of money.

7 Q What was it you were asked to do with these machines?

8 A We were asked to take large cardboard boxes,
9 four-by-four cardboard boxes, take the money out, count
10 them, keep a tally, and put them over against the opposite
11 wall. This was an enormous amount of money.

12 This was -- by the time I had finished counting it
13 was more than \$380 million, and the actual -- the tally was
14 supposed to be \$400 million. That was what our goal was.
15 It was -- there was just boxes and boxes. There was an
16 enormous amount of money.

17 Q Other people assisted you in this?

18 A Yes.

19 Q How many?

20 THE COURT: What kind of currency was it?

21 THE WITNESS: It was U.S. currency. There were
22 20's -- the lowest of them was 20's, and then it went up to
23 50's and some 100's, but most of them were 20's. It was a
24 hard job.

25 BY MR. CARLTON:

1 Q Do you know what was done with this money?

2 A Mr. Fonseca related that this was his portion of a
3 large payment of money to a high government official. I
4 don't know what the exact total amount was, but his portion
5 was to be the \$400 million. That wasn't all of it. I
6 mean, he was just putting in one part and the other people
7 who were with him were going to put in their part also.

8 Q How long did this whole process take?

9 A Oh, we spent four or five weeks. It was -- we were
10 making mistakes. Sometimes they would put the wrong box
11 over, bring it back and do it. I'd never seen that much
12 money in my life. It was like -- it was an enormous task.

13 Q Are you familiar with an individual called El Doc or
14 El Doctor?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Who was that?

17 A Mr. Fonseca's brother.

18 Q What was his true name?

19 A Roberto Fonseca.

20 Q Pardon me?

21 A Roberto Fonseca.

22 Q And El Gueron, is that name familiar to you?

23 A Mr. -- Mr. Fonseca described him as his son, but I
24 don't know by which of his wives that he --

25 Q Now, you continued to work for Ernesto Fonseca until

1 September 11th of 1984?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q At some point, did you make some efforts to extricate
4 yourself from this relationship?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q What was it you tried to do?

7 A I tried to leave.

8 Q Why was that difficult?

9 A They began to distrust anything American. They had
10 felt comfortable with anything American before July of
11 1984, and then all of a sudden, they began to say that the
12 Americans had betrayed them and that the Americans where
13 out to get them and that they no longer had any deal with
14 them, and that they couldn't go on.

15 And, they started to look at me as if I were some
16 kind of plant or a spy. First, the people from Sinaloa
17 said, "We don't want him around the house anymore. We
18 don't want him to attend the parties, and I won't go if he
19 goes."

20 And I -- finally I said to Mr. Fonseca, I said, "I
21 don't want to work for you any longer. I would rather
22 leave. I'm not happy here," but I wasn't allowed to speak
23 to him on many occasions. They walled him off.

24 Gobernacion told me, "You stay there, you stay
25 there." And I told Gobernacion, "These people are going to

1 have problems. They're all going to be arrested. The
2 Americans are going to denounce them. Let's get out of
3 here. I don't want to be here any longer."

4 And, as an American, it was getting down to the
5 point where I had to -- they asked me, they said, "If you
6 had to fight your country for us, would you do it?"

7 And I said, "Don't make -- don't ask me to make
8 that choice. Don't ask me to fight my own country for
9 you." I said, "I'm working here for this country. I'm
10 trying to be loyal and everything, but don't come and say I
11 have to go and attack the United States."

12 By that time, I figured, well, it's going to come
13 down to that choice. I don't want to -- I don't want to
14 have to make that choice. I want to get out.

15 Q How was it, your relationship with Ernesto Fonseca,
16 came to an end?

17 A He sent me out to be killed. He set up an ambush. I
18 told him that I knew that it was an ambush. He assured me
19 that it wasn't. One day he sent two people over to my
20 house with guns, and said -- who said they had specific
21 orders to pick me up and take me out to this place. And I
22 told them it was an ambush. And they said, "No, no, no."

23 I said, "It's an ambush. They are going to shoot
24 us all."

25 And they said, no. And I said, "I will drive you

1 by and you will see the entire State Judicial force outside
2 there, the ones that work for Mr. Fonseca, all of them out
3 there lined up."

4 So as I was driving by, they saw that, but the
5 person that was with me, he said, "Let's go get them
6 anyway," and he opened the door and jumped out of the car,
7 and I grabbed him by the neck of the collar of his shirt,
8 and I dragged him back inside the pickup truck and I drove
9 around the corner; and I attempted to call Mr. Fonseca and
10 I attempted to call the head of the Gobernacion Office,
11 because I felt that if I did it publicly on the radio that
12 maybe they would not do it.

13 We were immediately surrounded by 50 individuals
14 with highpowered rifles and they just -- they just opened
15 fire.

16 Q And were you hit?

17 A I was shot nine times. My partner was shot four
18 times. He was -- laid out in the street, but he was still
19 alive. I had positioned myself behind the wheel of the car
20 as I had been taught to do. I held them off for a long
21 time. Too many people gathered around and they said,
22 "Well, how about you giving up?"

23 I gave up.

24 Q Were you hospitalized as a result of this incident?

25 A Yes, I was.

1 Q Who was in command, if you know, of the State Police
2 group that was shooting at you?

3 A Comandante Lopez Razon.

4 Q Victor Manuel Lopez-Razon?

5 A That's correct. I had seen him work -- I had seen him
6 planning together with Mr. Barba and Mr. Fonseca. They
7 planned this ambush together in front of me. I saw them
8 doing this. I knew what they were doing.

9 Q Were you charged with some crimes in relation to this
10 incident?

11 A Yes. They took the radios that we had and said that
12 they we must have robbed them because we didn't have the
13 bill of sale for them on our person. They tore up my
14 oficio de comision and said that I was impersonating an
15 officer, even though my partner had his own metallic badge
16 with him, and that was even admitted into evidence before
17 the court.

18 They said that we were extorting money from the
19 persons we were taking the radios from, even though they
20 were members of the same gang. We were charged with an
21 entire litany of crimes, of fabricated crimes, to cover up.
22 And they boasted. They said we have assassinated you and your
23 partner legally. We've done it with the law.

24 Q Were you convicted of those crimes?

25 A I was not convicted until I came up here. And after I

1 testified at one point against Mr. Zuno, my sentence was
2 doubled.

3 Q Do you have any prior convictions here in the United
4 States?

5 A I was arrested for two marijuana cigarettes in 1971
6 and given probation.

7 Q Do you know an individual named Antonio Garate?

8 A Yes, I do.

9 Q Did you do any work with him in 1985?

10 A I did work for him in 1985, yes.

11 Q And what was the nature of that work?

12 A He sent me to -- he sent me in a State Police car to
13 set up a radio system for a bunch of Colombians. There was
14 an airstrip somewhere close to where I set the radio
15 system. I didn't see the airstrip. I did set up a
16 communication system, and I guided Colombian aircraft in
17 and out of this airport from Columbia with radio contact --
18 radio controlled them from Columbia to this airport.

19 Q And what was your understanding of the nature of this
20 operation, of what you were doing?

21 A Mr. Garate told me that it was a police operation,
22 that I should see everything that was being done there and
23 report back to him.

24 Q When did you move to the United States permanently?

25 A In the latter part of 1989.

1 Q Prior to -- immediately prior to coming here --

2 A I didn't move to the United States. You guys wouldn't
3 let me go back.

4 Q Why was that?

5 A Because you thought I would get killed.

6 Q Immediately prior to coming to the United States, what
7 was your employment down in Mexico? What were you doing
8 there?

9 A I was running my own consulting agency for
10 communications. I was also working for the election
11 campaign of the former governor of the State of Jalisco.

12 Q Were you affiliated with a company called Arboleras
13 Communications?

14 A That's what we called my company. It was really a
15 consulting company. I was the company.

16 Q During what period of time were you involved with
17 that?

18 A The company, I had been doing that for about six
19 months before I came up here.

20 Q What kind of work did that involve?

21 A Well, as I had been affiliated with the election
22 campaign, they gave me a whole lot of clients, mostly major
23 members of the P.R.I. Party. Some of them were major
24 organizations tied into the traffickers who had given
25 financing to the campaign, and these recommendations were

1 give directly by the director of finance of the state
2 government, who had been my superior in the campaign. And
3 I also had a good reputation for radio communications in
4 Guadalajara, and I had a number of large corporate clients.

5 Q Has the government entered into any agreements with
6 you?

7 A The agreement -- I agreed to testify on behalf of the
8 government. You don't owe me anything. I don't have any
9 expectations at all. I didn't want to testify. When you
10 asked me to, I told you I would honor my word, and I have
11 honored by word by coming here and testifying.

12 Q Do you receive living expenses?

13 A Yes. The government has tried to keep us alive since
14 we got here so that we could testify at the trial.

15 Q Was your family relocated to the United States also?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Have you been granted immunity for your testimony?

18 A I certainly hope so.

19 Q Have you ever used the name Lawrence Victor
20 Harrison-Cummings? Is that name familiar to you?

21 A If you give your name to an official agency in Mexico,
22 you must give a maiden name of your mother. So if you use
23 your own name and add your mother's maiden name onto it,
24 now people are saying I used a different name. If you --
25 the Mexican government, in an agreement I made with them so

1 I wouldn't come up here, gave me full immigration.

2 They said, "Well, what was your mother's maiden
3 name," and I gave them my mother's maiden name.

4 Q Is that typical in Mexico --

5 A Yes.

6 Q -- to use a hyphenated last -- pardon me, can you wait
7 until I finish the question.

8 A A Latin country, and as the Romans did, that's where
9 the original creation comes from. You give the padre name,
10 which is your father's name, and after that the madre name,
11 which is your mother's name, to show the union of the two
12 families. That comes from the --

13 Q And that explains the name Harrison-Cummings?

14 A That's right.

15 MR. CARLTON: Just a moment, Your Honor.

16 Nothing further at this time, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: You may cross-examine the witness.

18 MR. MEDVENE: Could we start Tuesday morning so we
19 can go straight through?

20 THE COURT: Monday morning.

21 MR. MEDVENE: Monday morning?

22 THE COURT: Monday morning.

23 MR. RUBIN: Your Honor, I think I may have another
24 matter on calendar for Monday.

25 THE COURT: Well, something will have to be done

1 about it.

2 We will resume this case on Monday morning at
3 9:30. I would ask the jurors to return at that time.

4 Please remember your obligation not to discuss
5 this case with each other or with anyone else, and not to
6 form or express any opinion or conclusion about this case
7 until it has been submitted to you, and please avoid the
8 exposure to any media, either written, video, or audio.

9 Have a nice weekend.

10 THE CLERK: Please rise.

11 (Jury out.)

12 THE CLERK: You may be seated.

13 THE COURT: We'll see you on Monday, Counsel.

14 MR. MEDVENE: If the Court please, we didn't want
15 to move to strike at the time because we were surprised at
16 certain testimony. It appeared that --

17 THE COURT: Well, why don't you write a motion to
18 strike for the testimony you think --

19 MR. MEDVENE: I want to make the record clear now.
20 This witness was asked a question where he said his
21 sentence was doubled because he testified against Mr. Zuno.

22 There is no foundation. If the prosecution knew
23 that was coming, we cite it as inappropriate, ask for a
24 curative instruction, and we ask for a mistrial.

25 I mean, there's no foundation for that answer. I

1 didn't want to highlight the fact that he previously
2 testified in another trial. The government clearly had to
3 know.

4 I would ask if the government knew that was
5 coming, but there was clearly no foundation for it. It
6 talked about testifying at the prior trial, which we were
7 just going to use as a reference per Your Honor's
8 instruction. Now --

9 THE COURT: He didn't say anything about the prior
10 trial.

11 MR. MEDVENE: Yes, he did, sir.

12 THE COURT: He said he testified against Zuno,
13 period.

14 MR. MEDVENE: Well --

15 THE COURT: He didn't say anything about any
16 trial.

17 Now, did you know that witness was going to
18 testify in that manner?

19 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, I had no idea that he
20 was going to say that, and I would offer to stipulate that
21 that reference to his sentencing be doubled be stricken
22 from the record. I did not know that he was going to say
23 that.

24 THE COURT: Well, I accept the representation that
25 they didn't know, and I will be glad to strike it from the

1 record --

2 MR. MEDVENE: Yes.

3 THE COURT: -- and ask the jury to disregard it.

4 MR. MEDVENE: Can you excuse me for one second?

5 THE COURT: Pardon?

6 MR. MEDVENE: Can you excuse me for one second?

7 THE COURT: Yes.

8 MR. MEDVENE: Thank you, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Thank you.

10 MR. RUBIN: Your Honor. I have one matter
11 concerning the Jenck's statements.

12 THE COURT: Concerning what?

13 MR. RUBIN: The Jenck's statements. Now that we
14 are on Monday, we're starting -- can I assume the
15 government can be ordered to give us the statements now?

16 THE COURT: For Monday's witnesses?

17 MR. RUBIN: For Monday's witnesses?

18 THE COURT: Yes.

19 MR. MEDRANO: Of course, Your Honor, we'll take
20 care of that.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 MR. MEDVENE: If you'll also give us -- I'm
23 sorry -- if you will also -- will you also give a curative
24 instruction, Your Honor? You're going to ask them to
25 disregard --

1 THE COURT: Well, what instruction are you
2 suggesting? You want to suggest an instruction?

3 MR. MEDVENE: Yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Well, do so.

5 MR. MEDVENE: We'll try to write one out, Your
6 Honor.

7 (Proceedings adjourned.)

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9 I, MARY TUCKER, CSR, do hereby certify that
10 the foregoing transcript is true and correct.

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